Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.10911 – PARTNERS GROUP / KOHLBERG / USIC)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

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1. On 10 October 2022, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ([1]).

This notification concerns the following undertakings:

— Partners Group AG ('Partners Group', Switzerland),

— Kohlberg & Co., L.L.C. ('Kohlberg', USA),

Partners Group and Kohlberg will acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) and 3(4) of the Merger Regulation joint control of Onecall Holdings, Inc. ('Onecall', USA).

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are the following:

— Partners Group: global private markets investment management company,

— Kohlberg: private equity management company specialised in investments in middle market companies,

— Onecall: indirectly wholly-owns USIC Holdings Inc. ('USIC'), a provider of underground utility damage prevention and utility locating services in the United States and Canada. Onecall is currently solely controlled by Partners Group.

3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified transaction could fall within the scope of the Merger Regulation. However, the final decision on this point is reserved.

Pursuant to the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ([2]) it should be noted that this case is a candidate for treatment under the procedure set out in the Notice.

4. The Commission invites interested third parties to submit their possible observations on the proposed operation to the Commission.

Observations must reach the Commission not later than 10 days following the date of this publication. The following reference should always be specified:

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Observations can be sent to the Commission by email, by fax, or by post. Please use the contact details below:

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([1]) OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the 'Merger Regulation').
([2]) OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.

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