PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.11013 – CINVEN VII / OTPP / GROUP.ONE / DOGADO)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2023/C 49/08)

1. On 30 January 2023, 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:

— Cinven Capital Management (VII) General Partner Limited ('Cinven VII', Guernsey), ultimately controlled by Civil Partnership Limited ('Cinven', Guernsey),

— The Ontario Teacher's Pension Plan Board ('OTPP', Canada),

— Redhalo Jersey Topco Ltd ('group.ONE', Jersey), currently controlled by Cinven Capital Management (VI) General Partner Limited ('Cinven VI', Jersey), which is also ultimately controlled by Cinven,

— dogado GmbH ('dogado', Germany).

Cinven VII and OTPP will acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) and 3(4) of the Merger Regulation joint control of group.ONE and dogado.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

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

— Cinven is private equity business engaged in the provision of investment management and investment advisory services to a number of investment funds. Cinven controls a number of portfolio companies which are active in a variety of sectors across a range of jurisdictions,

— OTPP is a corporation without share capital incorporated under the Teachers' Pension Act (Ontario), having its principal office and business address in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. OTPP is concerned with the administration of pension benefits and the investment of pension plan assets on behalf of 333 000 active and retired teachers in the Canadian province of Ontario,

— group.ONE is active in the provision of web hosting and related services,

— dogado is active in the provision of web hosting and related services.

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.

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

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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