Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.10253 — Colony Capital/Goldman Sachs/Japan JV)

(Text with EEA relevance)

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1. On 29 April 2021, 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:

— Colony Capital, Inc. ('Colony Capital', USA),

— The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. ('Goldman Sachs', USA),

— Japan JV (Singapore).

Colony Capital and Goldman Sachs acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) and 3(4) of the Merger Regulation joint control of the newly created joint venture Japan JV.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares in a newly created company constituting a joint venture.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for Colony Capital: management of a global portfolio composed of, amongst other, investments in digital infrastructure, including macro cell towers, data centres, small cell networks and fibre networks,

— for Goldman Sachs: global investment banking, securities and investment management. It provides a range of banking, securities and investment services worldwide to a substantial and diversified client base.

— for Japan JV: construction, ownership and operation of green field data centres, or the acquisition of data centre assets, in Japan.

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 the 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.