PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.8816 — Goldman Sachs/Centerbridge/Robyg)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

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1. On 14 February 2018, 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:

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

— Centerbridge Partners, LP ('Centerbridge', USA),

— Robyg SA ('Robyg', Poland).

Goldman Sachs and Centerbridge acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) and 3(4) of the Merger Regulation joint control of Robyg.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for Goldman Sachs: global investment banking, securities and investment management,

— for Centerbridge: investment management focused on private equity and distressed investment opportunities,

— for Robyg: indirectly solely controlled by Goldman Sachs, construction and sale of flats and commercial real estate in Poland.

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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([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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