PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.8619 — Bridgepoint/Miller Homes)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2017/C 294/04)

1. On 28 August 2017, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 [1] by which the undertaking Bridgepoint Group Limited ('Bridgepoint', United Kingdom) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control over Miller Homes Holdings Limited ('Miller Homes', United Kingdom), by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for Bridgepoint: independently owned private equity group focused on investing in established European middle market businesses in a broad range of sectors, including consumer/retail, business services, industrials, financial services, healthcare, media and technology,

— for Miller Homes: residential real estate company active across the United Kingdom.

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 this 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. Observations can be sent to the Commission by fax (+32 22964301), by email to COMP-MERGER-REGISTRY@ec.europa.eu or by post, under reference M.8619 — Bridgepoint/Miller Homes, to the following address:

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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.