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PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.9985 — GardaWorld/G4S)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2020/C 369/09)

1. On 23 October 2020, 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:

— Garda World Security Corporation ("GardaWorld", Canada), controlled by BC Partners LLP (United Kingdom) and Mr. Stephan Crétier, a Canadian citizen,

— G4S plc ("G4S", United Kingdon)

GardaWorld acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of the whole of G4S.

The concentration is accomplished by way of public bid announced on 30 September 2020.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for GardaWorld: a security services and cash services company, offering physical security services, end-to-end cash management solutions and security risk management.

— for G4S: a global integrated security business, offering a broad range of security services around the world.

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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