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PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.8676 — Hellman & Friedman/Nets A/S)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2017/C 356/08)

1. On 12 October 2017, 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:

— Hellman & Friedman and its parallel funds ('H&F', US),

— Nets A/S ('Nets', Denmark).

H&F acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of the whole of Nets.

The concentration is accomplished by way of public bid announced on 25 September 2017.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for H&F: private equity firm with offices in San Francisco, New York and London. H& F has investments in a variety of sectors worldwide,

— for Nets: provision of payments, cards, and information services in Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Finland, and Estonia.

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:

M.8676 — Hellman & Friedman/Nets A/S

([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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