Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.10584 – LUFTHANSA / VW / JV)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

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1. On 15 March 2022, 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:

— Lufthansa Industry Solutions AS GmbH ('LHIND', Germany), controlled by Deutsche Lufthansa AG ('Lufthansa', Germany),

— A4nXT GmbH ('A4nXT', Gemany), controlled by Volkswagen Aktiengesellschaft ('Volkswagen', Germany),

— Joint Venture company ('JV', Germany).

A4nXT and LHIND will acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) and 3(4) of the Merger Regulation joint control of the 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 and the newly set-up joint venture are the following:

— For LHIND: subsidiary of the German aviation group Lufthansa Group active in the provision of IT consulting services,

— For A4nXT: holding company and subsidiary of the German automobile consortium Volkswagen Group focused on the provision of services for digitalized manufacturing and services,

— For the JV: newly created entity that will provide IT consulting services and ancillary IT services to Volkswagen and to third parties in the automotive industry and other industries.

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 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.

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