PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.9601 – Czech Media Invest/Rockaway/Brasinex Bohemia)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

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1. On 2 June 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:

— Czech Media Invest a.s. (Czechia),

— Rockaway Capital SE (Czechia),

— Brasinex Bohemia, a.s. (Czechia).

Czech Media Invest a.s. and Rockaway Capital SE Brasinex Bohemia a.s. are, within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation, acquiring joint control of the whole of Brasinex Bohemia a.s.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— Czech Media Invest a.s.: activities in the media sector in central and western Europe, particularly the publication of periodicals and radio broadcasting,

— Rockaway Capital SE: investment in existing companies and start-ups in the field of internet services, including e-commerce,

— Brasinex Bohemia, a.s: activities, particularly in the Czech Republic, at all levels of the book market, from publishing through wholesale distribution of books to the retail sale of books.

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 transaction 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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