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PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.8779 — PAI Partners/Albéa)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2018/C 43/04)

1. On 29 January 2018, 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:

— PAI Partners S.A.S. ('PAI Partners') (France), is an independent company which manages and advises dedicated private equity funds,

— Albéa SA (Albéa) (Luxembourg), indirectly controlled by funds managed by Sun Capital Parners.

Pai Partners acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of the whole of Albéa.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of securities.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for PAI Partners: private equity company that manages and advises a number of funds that own companies active in a variety of business sectors, such as business services, food and consumer, general industries, healthcare, and retail and distribution,

— for Albéa: packaging solutions for the beauty industry.

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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