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PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.10565 – VOLKSWAGEN / TRINITY / EUROPCAR)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2022/C 172/02)

1. On 19 April 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:

— Volkswagen Aktiengesellschaft ('VWAG', Germany),

— Trinity Investments Designated Activity Company ('Trinity', Ireland), managed by Attestor Limited (UK),

— Europcar Mobility Group, S.A ('Europcar', France).

VWAG and Trinity will acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation joint control of the whole of Europcar.

The concentration is accomplished by way of public bid announced on 20 September 2021.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned:

— VWAG is mainly active in the development, manufacture and distribution of new passenger cars, light commercial vehicles and trucks, as well as the provision of car rental and other mobility services,

— Trinity is a private investment company established for the purpose of pursuing certain investment opportunities, notably in growth stage companies,

— Europcar is mainly active in the provision of short-term car rental services, as well as other mobility services and the sale of used vehicles to resellers.

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.

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').

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