Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.9533 — KKR/Arta Capital/Alvic)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2019/C 314/12)

1. On 10 September 2019, 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:

— KKR & Co. Inc. ('KKR', United States of America),

— ARTÀ CAPITAL S.G.E.I.C. S.A. ('Arta', Spain),

— Grupo Alvic FR Mobiliario, S.L ('Alvic', Spain).

KKR and Arta acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation joint control of the whole of Alvic.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for KKR: global investment firm offering a broad range of alternative asset management services to public and private market investors, as well as capital markets solutions for the firm, its portfolio companies and its clients,

— for Arta: Spanish midmarket private equity firm,

— for Alvic: design, manufacture and distribution of panel-based furniture components for kitchen, bathroom, wardrobes and office materials.

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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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.