Prior notification of a concentration

(Case COMP/M.5536 — Bluebay HYI/Bluebay MSI/RHJI/Honsel AG)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2009/C 122/08)

1. On 20 May 2009, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ([1]) by which the undertakings BlueBay High Yield Investments S.à.r.l. ('BlueBay HYI', Luxembourg), BlueBay Multi-Strategy Investments S.à.r.l. ('BlueBay MSI', Luxembourg) and RHJ International S.A. ('RHJI', Belgium) acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation joint control of Honsel AG ('HAG', Germany) by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for BlueBay HYI: portfolio investment approach in securities or other financial instruments,

— for BlueBay MSI: investment in multiple strategies,

— for RHJI: acquisition and operation of businesses,

— for HAG: active in the light metal (aluminium and magnesium) processing industry and mainly focused in the manufacturing of components for the automotive sector.

3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified transaction could fall within the scope of Regulation (EC) No 139/2004. 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. Observations can be sent to the Commission by fax (+32 2 2964301 or 2967244) or by post, under reference number COMP/M.5536 — Bluebay HYI/Bluebay MSI/RHJI/Honsel AG, to the following address:

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([1]) OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1.
([2]) OJ C 56, 5.3.2005, p. 32.