PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case COMP/M.6808 — PAI Partners/Industrial Parts Holding)

(Text with EEA relevance)

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1. On 7 January 2013, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ([1]) by which the undertaking PAI Partners SAS ('PAI', France) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of the whole of the undertaking Industrial Parts Holding SAS ('IPH', France) by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— PAI is a private equity firm, focused on the acquisition of medium to large-sized companies, headquartered or managed in Europe,

— IPH is a specialist distributor of industrial supplies with activities in France, Germany, the Netherlands, Belgium and Romania.

3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified transaction could fall within the scope the EC 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. Observations can be sent to the Commission by fax (+32 22964301), by e-mail to COMP-MERGER-REGISTRY@ec.europa.eu or by post, under reference number COMP/M.6808 — PAI Partners/Industrial Parts Holding, to the following address:

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([1]) OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the 'EC Merger Regulation').