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(Announcements)

PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION  
POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

**Prior notification of a concentration**

(Case COMP/M.6823 — CD & R/B & M)

**Candidate case for simplified procedure**

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2013/C 21/06)

1. On 16 January 2013, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 <sup>(1)</sup> by which funds managed by Clayton, Dubilier & Rice LLC ('CD & R', USA) acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation, sole control of the whole of the undertaking SBR Europe Sàrl ('SBR', Luxembourg), which is the indirect parent company of B & M Retail Limited ('B & M', UK) by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for CD & R: private equity investment,

— for B & M: retail sale of daily consumer goods in the UK.

3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified transaction could fall within the scope of the EC 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 EC Merger Regulation <sup>(2)</sup> 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 22964301), by email to COMP-MERGER-REGISTRY@ec.europa.eu or by post, under reference number COMP/M.6823 — CD & R/B & M, to the following address:

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the 'EC Merger Regulation').

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ C 56, 5.3.2005, p. 32 ('Notice on a simplified procedure').