PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case COMP/M.6812 — SFPI/Dexia)

(Text with EEA relevance)

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1. On 18 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 Belgian state investment fund Société Fédérale de Participations et d'Investissement/Federale Participatie- en Investeringsmaatschappij ('SFPI', Belgium) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of the whole of the undertaking Dexia SA/NV ('Dexia', Belgium) by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— SFPI: investments in public and private companies of strategic interest, on its own behalf and on behalf of the Belgian state,

— Dexia: financial services, in particular public finance, including project finance, and asset management in several countries, mainly in France, through a number of subsidiaries.

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.6812 — SFPI/Dexia, to the following address:

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