Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.9303 — LetterOne/DIA)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2019/C 70/09)

1. On 18 February 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:

- L1R Invest1 Holdings S.à r.l. ('L1R Invest1') (Luxembourg), controlled by LetterOne Investment Holdings S.A. (Luxembourg),
- Distribuidora Internacional de Alimentación, S.A. ('DIA') (Spain).

L1R Invest1 acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of the whole of DIA.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

- 2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
- for LetterOne Investment Holdings S.A.: a privately-owned Luxembourg-based investment holding company targeting investments in the telecoms and technology, healthcare and retail, and energy sectors,
- for DIA: an international food retailer and distributor of fast-moving and home and personal care goods.
- 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.