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Prior notification of a concentration
(Case M.11506 - CE / RICHARD GARTNER / GARTNER TRANSPORT HOLDING)
Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

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1. On 18 June 2024, 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:

- C E - Beteiligungs-GmbH ('CE', Germany), belonging to the Schwarz Group ('Schwarz', Germany)
- Gartner Transport Holding GmbH ('Gartner Transport', Austria) currently jointly controlled by, among others, Richard Gartner ('Gartner', Austria).

CE and Gartner will acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) and 3(4) of the Merger Regulation joint control of Gartner Transport.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are the following:

- CE belongs to Schwarz which is mainly active in relation to the retail sale of daily consumer goods and the disposal sector in 32 countries, focussing on Europe and the United States.
- Gartner is a jointly controlling shareholder of Gartner Transport. He has no other business activities.

3. The business activities of the undertaking Gartner Transport are the following:

Mainly provision of national and international logistics services, intermodal transports, and warehousing, predominantly in Europe but also in Northern Africa, Middle East, and other countries.

4. 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 treatment for certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 on the control of concentrations between undertakings ⁽²⁾ it should be noted that this case is a candidate for treatment under the procedure set out in the Notice.

5. 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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⁽¹⁾ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the 'Merger Regulation').

⁽²⁾ OJ C 160, 5.5.2023, p. 1.

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