

Prior notification of a concentration
(Case COMP/M.6213 — Westfield/CPPIB/APG)
Candidate case for simplified procedure
(Text with EEA relevance)
(2011/C 208/08)

1. On 7 July 2011, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾ by which the undertakings Canada Pension Plan Investment Board ('CPPIB') and APG Algemene Pensioen Groep N.V. ('APG'), together with Westfield Holdings Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Westfield Group ('Westfield'), acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation joint control of companies belonging to Westfield ('the Target') which control a property known as Westfield Stratford City by way of acquisition of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- CPPIB: professional investment management organisation investing the assets of the Canada Pension Plan,
- APG: a pension administration organisation that specialises in the field of collective pensions in the public sector,
- Westfield: real estate services,
- the Target: controls Westfield Stratford City, a retail complex presently under development located in Stratford, 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 ⁽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. 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.6213 — Westfield/CPPIB/APG, to the following address:

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

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