

Prior notification of a concentration
(Case COMP/M.6620 — Platinum Equity/Caterpillar Logistics Services)
Candidate case for simplified procedure
(Text with EEA relevance)
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1. On 19 June 2012, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾ by which Platinum Equity LLC ('Platinum', USA) will acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of Caterpillar Logistics Services LLC ('CLS', USA) from Caterpillar Inc. ('Caterpillar', USA) through the purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- Platinum is a private equity firm specializing in the acquisition and operation of companies that provide services and solutions to customers in a broad range of businesses including information technology, telecommunications, transportation and logistics, metal services, manufacturing and distribution,
- CLS is active in the provision of contract logistics,
- Caterpillar is the ultimate parent company of a global, diversified group that is, inter alia, active in the provision of machinery, engines and financial products. It manufactures and sells engines and machinery for a large number of applications.

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.6620 — Platinum Equity/Caterpillar Logistics Services, 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').