

PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION  
POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

**Prior notification of a concentration**

**(Case COMP/M.6857 — Crane Co./MEI Group)**

**(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2013/C 162/08)

1. On 31 May 2013, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 and following a referral pursuant to Article 4(5) of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 <sup>(1)</sup> by which the undertaking Crane Co. ('Crane', USA) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of the whole of the MEI Group ('MEI', USA), owned by Bain Capital and Advantage Partners, by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for Crane: a diversified manufacturer of highly engineered industrial products principally active in the following markets: aerospace, defense electronics, automated merchandising (including unattended payment systems and vending machines), chemical, pharmaceutical, oil, gas, power, nuclear, building services and utilities,
- for MEI: provides unattended payment systems mainly used for automated validation, acceptance and dispensing of currency. MEI also supplies traffic signals, in the form of both portable traffic lights and portable electronic message boards, in Japan though, not the EEA.

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.6857 — Crane Co./MEI Group, to the following address:

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the 'EC Merger Regulation').