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PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION
POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case COMP/M.6927 — Goldman Sachs/TPG Lundy/Barclays/Intertain)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2013/C 358/12)

1. On 29 November 2013, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾ by which Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. ('Goldman Sachs'), TPG LundyCO, L.P. ('TPG') and Barclays PLC ('Barclays') acquire, within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation joint control of Intertain Limited ('Intertain') by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- Goldman Sachs is a global investment banking, securities and investment management firm that provides a wide range of services worldwide to a diversified client base that includes corporations, financial institutions, governments and high-net-worth individuals,
- TPG is an investment vehicle belonging to the TPG Group, a global private investment firm that manages a family of funds that invest in a variety of companies through acquisitions and corporate restructurings,
- Barclays is the operating company of the Barclays Group, that is a global financial services provider engaged in personal banking, credit cards, corporate and investment banking, and wealth and investment management services,
- Intertain is an English limited company that operates bars and comedy venues in the United Kingdom.

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. Pursuant to the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under the 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.

⁽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').

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.6927 — Goldman Sachs/TPG Lundy/Barclays/Intertain, to the following address:

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