

Prior notification of a concentration**(Case M.7738 — Naxicap/Banque publique d'investissement/DEFTA Group)****Candidate case for simplified procedure****(Text with EEA relevance)**

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1. On 10 August 2015 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 Naxicap Partners ('Naxicap', France), belonging to the group Banque Populaire Caisse d'Epargne ('BPCE', France) and Fonds Avenir Automobile ('FAA', France), controlled by the management company Bpifrance Investissement, a wholly owned subsidiary of Bpifrance Participations, which is itself wholly owned by BPI Groupe ('BPI Groupe SA', France) acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) and Article 3(4) of the Merger Regulation joint control of DEFTA Group ('DEFTA', France) by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- Naxicap: BPCE group's asset management company, active in support of projects in growth capital, capital reorganisation, management asset diversification, and business transfer and business creation financing,
- BPI Groupe SA: invests in the development of growth sectors in France, such as ecotechnology, biotechnology and digital services but also across all industrial and service sectors,
- DEFTA: supplier to the automotive industry with a presence in five European countries.

3. 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 procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under the Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽²⁾ it should be noted that this case is a candidate for treatment under the procedure set out in this 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 e-mail to COMP-MERGER-REGISTRY@ec.europa.eu or by post, under reference number M.7738 — Naxicap/Banque publique d'investissement/DEFTA Group, to the following address:

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

⁽²⁾ OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.