

Prior notification of a concentration
(Case M.8178 — First Reserve/Morrison Utility Services)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

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1. On 9 August 2016, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾ by which FR XIII Foxtrot AIV, L.P. ('First Reserve', Cayman Islands) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of the whole of Morrison Utility Services Group Limited ('MUS', United Kingdom) by way of a purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- First Reserve is a global private equity and infrastructure investment group, focused on investing in the energy industry,
- MUS is a United Kingdom-based service provider for utility companies in the electricity, gas, water and telecommunications sectors, helping to renew, refurbish and maintain infrastructure and networks.

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 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 email to COMP-MERGER-REGISTRY@ec.europa.eu or by post, under reference M.8178 — First Reserve/Morrison Utility Services, 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.