

Prior notification of a concentration**(Case M.8483 — Bain Capital/Cinven/Stada Arzneimittel)****Candidate case for simplified procedure****(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2017/C 189/15)

1. On 2 June 2017, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾ by which funds managed by Bain Capital Investors L.L.C. ('Bain Capital', US) and funds managed by Cinven Capital Management (VI) Limited Partnership Incorporated, acting through its general partner, Cinven Capital Management (VI) General Partner Limited ('Cinven', UK), acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation joint control of Stada Arzneimittel Aktiengesellschaft ('Stada', Germany) by way of purchase of shares.
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
 - for Bain Capital: private equity investment in companies across a variety of industries, including information technology, healthcare, retail and consumer products, communications, financial and industrial/manufacturing,
 - for Cinven: private equity investment focused in six key sectors: business services, consumer, financial services, healthcare, industrials, and technology, media and telecommunications,
 - for Stada: active in the development, manufacture, registration, sale, commercialisation, distribution and promotion of life science products such as medicines (in particular with off-patent active pharmaceutical ingredients), food supplements, cosmetic products and a range of other healthcare products.
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 email to COMP-MERGER-REGISTRY@ec.europa.eu or by post, under reference M.8483 — Bain Capital/Cinven/Stada Arzneimittel, 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.