

PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration
(Case M.9942 – Partners Group/Bridgepoint/Rovensa)
Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2020/C 300/06)

1. On 28 August 2020, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾.

This notification concerns the following undertakings:

- Partners Group AG ('Partners Group', Switzerland),
- Bridgepoint Group Limited ('Bridgepoint', UK),
- Rovensa S.A. ('Rovensa', Portugal), ultimately controlled by Bridgepoint.

Partners Group and Bridgepoint acquire(s) within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) and 3(4) of the Merger Regulation joint control of Rovensa.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for Partners Group: Partners Group is a global private markets investment management company active in the areas of private equity, private real estate, private infrastructure and private debt,
- for Bridgepoint: Bridgepoint is an international private equity group focused on investing in established European middle market businesses in a broad range of sectors, including consumer/retail, business services, industrials, financial services, healthcare, media and technology,
- for Rovensa: Rovensa is a global provider of crop lifecycle management solutions. It operates in crop protection, bionutrition and biocontrol through several brands, such as Ascenza, Tradecorp or Idainature. Rovensa also offers additional services, namely technical advice.

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 the 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. The following reference should always be specified:

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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.

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