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**COMP/M.6745 - SNCF / HASELSTEINER FAMILIEN-PRIVATSTIFTUNG /  
AUGUSTA HOLDING / RAIL HOLDING**

**SECTION 1.2**

**Description of the concentration**

1. On 19<sup>th</sup> October, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) n°139/2004 by which the undertakings SNCF (France), Haselsteiner Familien Privatstiftung, (Austria) and Augusta Holding AG (Austria) will acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)b of the Merger Regulation joint control of the undertaking Rail Holding AG (Austria).
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
  - for SNCF: rail passenger transportation services in France and through SNCF Voyages Développement in other European countries, freight, public transportation services in France and in other countries and management of the French railway infrastructure and railway stations property;
  - for Haselsteiner Familien Privatstiftung: investments in various small and medium-sized businesses active in different sectors such as the construction sector;
  - for Augusta Holding AG: investments in companies, in particular small and medium-sized businesses, active in different sectors such as the real estate sector;
  - Rail Holding AG: shareholder of WESTbahn Management GmbH, a company incorporated under the laws of Austria operating rail passenger transportation services on the line between Vienna and Freilassing near the German border.
3. The proposed concentration falls within the scope of Council Regulation (EC) n°139/2004 on the control of concentrations between undertakings.