

## Case M.8093 - EQT / BILFINGER REAL ESTATE SOLUTIONS AND BILFINGER EFFICIENCY

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## REGULATION (EC) No 139/2004 MERGER PROCEDURE

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## **EUROPEAN COMMISSION**



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SIMPLIFIED MERGER PROCEDURE

To the notifying parties:

Dear Sirs,

Subject: Case M.8093 – EQT / BILFINGER REAL ESTATE SOLUTIONS AND BILFINGER EFFICIENCY

Commission decision pursuant to Article 6(1)(b) of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004<sup>1</sup> and Article 57 of the Agreement on the European Economic Area<sup>2</sup>

- 1. On 5 July 2016, the European Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of the Merger Regulation by which the undertaking EQT VII ("EQT", United Kingdom) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of the undertakings Bilfinger Real Estate Solutions GmbH and Bilfinger Efficiency GmbH ("Bilfinger", Germany) by way of purchase of shares.<sup>3</sup>
- 2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
  - for EQT: EQT is an investment fund launched in 2015. It makes investments primarily in Northern Europe. EQT VII is part of the EQT group of private equity funds.
  - for Bilfinger: Bilfinger is a real estate solutions company active within three main divisions: i) Building, ii) Facility Services and iii) Real Estate, with Germany as its main geographic focus.

OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the 'Merger Regulation'). With effect from 1 December 2009, the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union ('TFEU') has introduced certain changes, such as the replacement of 'Community' by 'Union' and 'common market' by 'internal market'. The terminology of the TFEU will be used throughout this decision.

OJ L 1, 3.1.1994, p. 3 (the 'EEA Agreement').

Publication in the Official Journal of the European Union No C 255,14.07.2016, p.4.

- 3. After examination of the notification, the European Commission has concluded that the notified operation falls within the scope of the Merger Regulation and of paragraph 5 (c) of the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004.<sup>4</sup>
- 4. For the reasons set out in the Notice on a simplified procedure, the European Commission has decided not to oppose the notified operation and to declare it compatible with the internal market and with the EEA Agreement. This decision is adopted in application of Article 6(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation and Article 57 of the EEA Agreement.

For the Commission (Signed) Johannes LAITENBERGER Director-General

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.