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**M.11608 - BROOKFIELD / CASTLELAKE AGGREGATOR / CASTLELAKE**

**SECTION 4**

**Description of the concentration**

1. On 8 July 2024, the Commission received a notification relating to the proposed acquisition by Brookfield CL Holdings LLC (“**CL Holdings**”), a holding entity indirectly controlled by Brookfield Corporation (“**Brookfield**”), and by Castlelake Management Aggregator, LLC (“**Castlelake Aggregator**”) of joint control within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 of 20 January 2004 (the “**EUMR**”) over Castlelake Group GP, LLC (the “**General Partner**”), the ultimate general partner of Castlelake, L.P. (together with the General Partner and the funds and affiliated entities which Castlelake, L.P. advises, “**Castlelake**”) (the “**Transaction**”).<sup>1</sup>
2. Upon completion of the Transaction, Castlelake will be indirectly jointly controlled by Brookfield and Castlelake Aggregator. The Transaction is accomplished by way of purchase of shares and contractual means.
3. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
  - a. Brookfield is a global asset manager headquartered in Toronto, Canada, that offers a range of public and private investment products and services, with a focus on renewable power and transition, infrastructure, private equity, real estate and insurance.
  - b. Castlelake Aggregator is a US-based newly formed entity, which was set up for the purposes of the Transaction and is controlled by Castlelake’s current management.
  - c. Castlelake is a US based, global alternative investment firm, which specialises in discovering and pursuing asset-rich and cash-flowing opportunities in the specialty finance, real assets and aviation private markets.

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<sup>1</sup> Brookfield, CL Holdings and Castlelake Aggregator are referred to as the “**Parties**”.