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Commission clears acquisition by Carlyle of NBTY

The European Commission has granted clearance under the EU Merger Regulation to the acquisition by The Carlyle Group ("Carlyle", USA) of sole control of NBTY, Inc. ("NBTY", USA). Carlyle is a global alternative asset manager, which sponsors funds that invest across four investment disciplines (buyout, credit alternatives, growth capital and real estate) in a range of industries. NBTY manufactures and sells vitamins and nutritional supplements, including nuts and fruit products. The operation was examined under the simplified merger review procedure.

Commission clears acquisition by POSCO of Daewoo International

The European Commission has granted clearance under the EU Merger Regulation to the acquisition by POSCO of sole control over the undertaking Daewoo International, both of Republic of Korea. POSCO manufactures and sells a diversified line of finished and semi-finished steel products. Daewoo International is a company primarily active in international trading in a wide range of products including raw materials for the manufacturing of steel, steel products and steel semi-finished products. The operation was examined under the simplified merger review procedure.

Register of Interest Representatives: 3000 registrations

At the beginning of the year, 2300 entities had registered. Since then a steady weekly increase has been observed; a trend which has allowed to reach the symbolic level of 3000 at the end of August. The latest registrations came from companies, associations representing certain business areas, NGOs, consultancy firms, think tanks and academic institutions. Vice-President Šefčovič: "The steady increase in registrations shows that we are on the right way. It is an encouragement for the joint Commission - Parliament register we are working on". A High Level Working Group of senior Members of the European Parliament led by Vice-President Diana Wallis and Vice-President Maros Šefčovič of the Commission is currently working on setting up a joint register. This would create an additional incentive for registration. The Working Group will meet again on 7 September 2010 in Strasbourg to pursue its work on technical issues. The intention is to make the common register operational in June 2011.

You can find more information on the register under the following link:

<https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/transparency/regrin/welcome.do?locale=en#en>

OTHER INFORMATION:

- [Memo on Preparation of Eurogroup and Economic and Finance Ministers Council, Brussels 6 and 7 September 2010](#)
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