Upcoming/New CFIUS Filing: Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers Inc. and IronPlanet Inc.

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Status: Upcoming/New Filing?

Acquirer: Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers Incorporated (Canada)

Acquired: IronPlanet Inc. (US)

Value: Approx. US\$758.5 million

Industry: Equipment Distribution



On August 29, 2016, Ritchie Bros.

Auctioneers Inc., a Canadian company, and IronPlanet Inc., a private company based in the United States, announced that they entered into an agreement by which Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers will acquire IronPlanet for approximately US\$758.5 million. (See Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers Press Release, Aug. 29, 2106.) "Ritchie Bros. is one of the world's largest industrial auctioneers and used equipment distributors" and "IronPlanet is a leading online marketplace for selling and buying used equipment and other assets in the United States and internationally." (Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers Form 8-K, Ex-99.1, Aug. 30, 2016.) The acquisition is subject to several conditions including clearance by the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS). (Id.)

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