Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.8626 — CRH/XI (RMAT))

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2017/C 332/04)

1. On 25 September 2017, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ([1]).

This notification concerns the following undertakings:

— CRH Zehnte Vermögensverwaltungs GmbH ('CRH Zehnte', Germany) controlled by CRH plc (Ireland),

— XI (RMAT) Holdings GmbH ('XI (RMAT)', Germany), the holding company of Fels-Werke GmbH.

CRH Zehnte acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of the whole of XI (RMAT).

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for CRH: manufacture and distribution of various building materials worldwide, organised into three business segments, which are heavyside (including aggregates, cement, lime and concrete), lightside (including glass and glazing systems, construction accessories, and shutters and awnings), and distribution (of sanitary, heating and plumbing products, operation of general builder merchants and DIY stores);

— for CRH Zehnte: wholly owned indirect subsidiary of CRH;

— for XI (RMAT): holding company of Fels-Werke;

— for Fels-Werke GmbH: mining, processing and distribution of lime and limestone products in Germany, the Czech Republic and Russia, as well as the production of gypsum and mortar. The Transaction does not include the sale of the Schraplau plant.

3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified transaction could fall within the scope of the Merger Regulation. However, the final decision on this point is reserved.

4. The Commission invites interested third parties to submit their possible observations on the proposed operation to the Commission.

Observations must reach the Commission not later than 10 days following the date of this publication. The following reference should always be specified:

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([1]) OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the 'Merger Regulation').