Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.9859 – Alcopa Coordination Center/Beran Central Europe/Alcomotive)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

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1. On 3 June 2020, 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:

— Alcopa Coordination Center NV ('ACC', Belgium) controlled by Alcopa NV ('Alcopa', Belgium),

— Beran Central Europe, S.L. ('Beran', Spain) jointly ultimately controlled by the Berge Group (Spain), Mitsubishi Corporation ('MC', Japan) and Inmobiliaria Algeciras Limitada ('Algeciras', Chile),

— Alcomotive ('Alcomotive', Belgium), currently solely controlled by ACC.

Beran and ACC acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) and 3(4) of the Merger Regulation joint control of the whole of Alcomotive.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for ACC: ACC is the holding company of the Alcopa group and holds the shares of the different entities of the Alcopa group. Alcopa is active in the investment in a broad range of products and industries including automotive, real estate, solar screens, furniture and pharmacy,

— for the Berge Group: The Berge Group is active within maritime ports, distribution of motor vehicles, logistics, renewable energy and finance,

— for MC: MC is active across several industries, including industrial finance, energy, metals, machinery, chemicals, food and environment, and the distribution of motor vehicles,

— for Algeciras: Algeciras' only activities in the EEA are its activities in joint ventures with Berge Auto in Finland for the distribution of passenger cars and light commercial vehicles and related spare parts, after sales and financing. Outside the EEA, its main activities relate to the sale and marketing of motor vehicles and related services, construction and marketing of residential real estate units, as well as development, execution and exploitation of the real estate business related to commercial real estate (e.g. shopping malls), and financial intermediation,

— for Alcomotive: the import and wholesale distribution of 4 wheels motor-vehicles.

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.

Pursuant to the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under the Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ([2]) it should be noted that this case is a candidate for treatment under the procedure set out in the Notice.

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').
([2]) OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.

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