**Prior notification of a concentration**

**(Case M.8604 — Xella International/Ursa)**

**Candidate case for simplified procedure**

**(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2017/C 310/08)

1. On 11 September 2017, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 [1], by which Lone Star Fund X (US), LP and Lone Star Fund X (Bermuda), LP, through their fully owned subsidiary Xella International SA, acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of the whole Ursa Insulation SA and Ursa International GmbH, by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for Lone Star: a private equity firm that invests globally in real estate, equity, credit and other financial assets,

— for Xella International: a diversified building materials group, which includes mineral insulation boards,

— for Ursa: an insulation materials provider.

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:

M.8604 — Xella International/Ursa.

Observations can be sent to the Commission by email, by fax, or by post. Please use the contact details below:

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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.