Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.10025 — SKN/Lother Group/NORDTEAM JV)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

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1. On 10 November 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:

— SKN-Schmierstoff Konzepte Nord GmbH ('SKN', Germany), belonging to the dlg group,

— Hermann Lother & Co. Mineralölhandelsgesellschaft mbH, belonging to the Lother group ('Lother Group', Germany),

— NORDTEAM GmbH & Co. KG ('NORDTEAM', Germany).

SKN and Lother Group acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) and 3(4) of the Merger Regulation joint control of NORDTEAM.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— SKN: distribution of lubricants for the construction industry, the agricultural sector, garages, haulage, production and manufacturing and the energy sector.

— Lother Group: mineral oil trading and distribution of lubricants.

— NORDTEAM: distribution of lubricants.

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 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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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.