Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.9893 – C&G/Fischer/Craftnote)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

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1. On 3 July 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:

— Cordes & Graefe KG ('Cordes & Graefe', Germany);

— fischerwerke GmbH & Co. KG ('Fischer', Germany); and

— myCraftnote Digital GmbH ('Craftnote', Germany), under sole control of Fischer.

C&G and Fischer acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) and Article 3(4) of the Merger Regulation joint control of the whole of Craftnote.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— Cordes & Graefe: a wholesaler in the area of sanitary, heating and air-conditioning products, roofing technology, electrical products, civil engineering products and industrial technology in several Member States;

— Fischer: production of fastening technology, automotive interiors, as well as consulting (business consultancy) and production of construction toys on a global basis; and

— Craftnote: development and distribution of hardware and software for service providers and craft businesses, including the associated services.

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.

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