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Derichebourg Environnement SAS
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France

Subject: **Case M.12491 – DERICHEBOURG ENVIRONNEMENT / SCHOLZ GROUP**
Commission decision pursuant to Article 6(1)(b) of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ([1]) and Article 57 of the Agreement on the European Economic Area ([2])

Dear Sir or Madam,

(1) On 30 June 2026, the European Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of the Merger Regulation, by which, Derichebourg Environnement SAS ('Derichebourg Environnement', France) ultimately solely controlled by Mr. Daniel Derichebourg, will acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation, sole control over Scholz Holding GmbH (Germany) and Scholz Recycling GmbH (Germany) which together with their subsidiaries constitute the Scholz Group (Germany), which is currently controlled by Chiho Renewable International Holding Ltd (Hong Kong), by way of purchase of shares. ([3])

(2) The business activities of the undertakings concerned are the following:

– Derichebourg Environnement is active in Europe and North America in the waste management sector, in particular, in metal recycling as well as in the provision of public sector services, including urban cleaning and household waste collection services for local authorities,

– Scholz Group is active in Central and Eastern Europe in the waste treatment sector, in particular, in metal recycling.

([1]) OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the 'Merger Regulation'). With effect from 1 December 2009, the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union ('TFEU') has introduced certain changes, such as the replacement of 'Community' by 'Union' and 'common market' by 'internal market'. The terminology of the TFEU will be used throughout this decision.
([2]) OJ L 1, 3.1.1994, p. 3 (the 'EEA Agreement').
([3]) OJ C, C/2026/3716, 9.7.2026.

(3) After examination of the notification, the European Commission has concluded that the notified operation falls within the scope of the Merger Regulation and of paragraph 5 (d) of the Commission Notice on a simplified treatment for certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004. ([4])

(4) For the reasons set out in the Notice on a simplified treatment, the European Commission has decided not to oppose the notified operation and to declare it compatible with the internal market and with the EEA Agreement. This decision is adopted in application of Article 6(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation and Article 57 of the EEA Agreement.

For the Commission

(Signed)
Anthony WHELAN
Director-General
Directorate-General for Competition

([4]) OJ C 160, 5.5.2023, p. 1 (the 'Notice on a simplified treatment').