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Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.12491 – DERICHEBOURG ENVIRONNEMENT / SCHOLZ GROUP)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

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1. On 30 June 2026, 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:

— Derichebourg Environnement SAS ('Derichebourg Environnement', France), ultimately solely controlled by Mr. Daniel Derichebourg,

— Scholz Holding GmbH (Germany) and Scholz Recycling GmbH (Germany) which together with their subsidiaries constitute the Scholz Group (Germany), controlled by Chiho Renewable International Holding Ltd (Hong Kong).

Derichebourg Environnement will acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of the whole of Scholz Group.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

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.

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 treatment for certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 on the control of concentrations between undertakings ([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 concentration 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 160, 5.5.2023, p. 1.

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