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Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.11951 – VAN MOSSEL AUTOMOTIVE INTERNATIONAL / LÖHR & BECKER)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

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1. On 7 May 2025, 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:

— Van Mossel Automotive International B.V. ('Van Mossel', Netherlands),

— Löhr & Becker AG ('Löhr', Germany).

Van Mossel will acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of the whole of Löhr.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are the following:

— Van Mossel is active in the wholesale distribution of new passenger cars and light commercial vehicles in the Netherlands and in the retail distribution of new and used passenger cars and light commercial vehicles in the Netherlands, Belgium, France, Luxembourg, Germany, the United Kingdom, and Denmark. Van Mossel is also active in maintenance and repair of vehicles (including the supply of original equipment manufacturer car parts), in operational and financial leasing, and, in Germany, in the provision of car rental services,

— Löhr is active in Germany in the retail distribution of new and used passenger cars and light commercial vehicles, as well as in maintenance and repair of vehicles (including the supply of original equipment manufacturer car parts).

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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