Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.9741 – Ines Kaindl/Peter Kaindl/M Kaindl)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2020/C 289/05)

1. On 20 August 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:

— SWISS KRONO Holding AG ('SWISS KRONO', Switzerland), controlled by Ines Kaindl,

— Kronospan Group ('Kronospan', Austria), controlled by Peter Kaindl,

— M. Kaindl OG ('M Kaindl', Austria).

Ines Kaindl acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation joint control of the whole of M. Kaindl OG.

The concentration is accomplished by means of inheritance.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for SWISS KRONO: active in the production of wood-based materials such as boards, laminate flooring and decorative laminate,

— for Kronospan: active in the production of wood-based materials such as boards, laminate flooring and decorative laminate,

— for M Kaindl: active in the production of wood-based materials such as boards, laminate flooring and decorative laminate.

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.

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').