Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.10435 – REFRESCO GROUP / HANSA-HEEMANN)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2021/C 509/13)

1. On 9 December 2021, 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:

— Refresco Deutschland Services & IT GmbH & Co. KG (wholly-owned by Refresco Holding B.V., together 'Refresco', the Netherlands), jointly controlled by PAI Partners SAS (France) and British Columbia Investment Management Corporation (Canada),

— Hansa Heemann AG ('Hansa Heemann', Germany).

Refresco acquire(s) within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of the whole of Hansa Heemann. The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for Refresco: production and bottling of a large variety of non-alcoholic beverages for private label belonging to retailers and for brand owners under contract manufacturing;

— for Hansa Heemann: production and bottling of non-alcoholic beverages, more specifically carbonated soft drinks (including carbonated sports and energy drinks), packaged mineral water and, to a lesser extent, other types of non-carbonated soft drinks.

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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([1]) OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the 'Merger Regulation').