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Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.11690 – ROBERT BOSCH / JCI)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

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1. On 8 January 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:

— Robert Bosch GmbH ('Bosch', Germany), controlled by Robert Bosch Industrietreuhand KG (Germany),

— Johnson Controls International ('JCI', Ireland) plc's residential and light commercial heating, ventilation and air-conditioning ('HVAC') business including Johnson Controls-Hitachi Air Conditioning Holding ('JCH', United Kingdom) Ltd, a joint venture between JCI and Hitachi, Ltd. ('Hitachi', Japan) active in the same field.

Bosch will acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of the whole of JCI residential and light commercial HVAC business, including JCH.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares and assets.

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

— Bosch is a private, globally active supplier of technology solutions for a wide variety of industries,

— JCI is a public multi-industrial company active in engineering, manufacturing and commissioning building products and systems, including residential and commercial HVAC equipment, industrial refrigeration systems, controls, security systems, fire-detection systems and fire-suppression solutions.

3. The business activities of the undertaking JCH are the following: manufacturing home appliances, specializing in air conditioning and cooling technology

4. 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.

5. 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').
([2]) OJ C 160, 5.5.2023, p. 1.

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