Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.10173 — Luminus/Essent Belgium)

(Text with EEA relevance)

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1. On 23 March 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:

— Luminus S.A. ('Luminus', Belgium), controlled by EDF S.A. ('EDF', France),

— Essent Belgium NV ('Essent Belgium', Belgium), a subsidiary of E.ON S.E. ('E.ON', Germany).

Luminus acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of the whole of Essent Belgium.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for Luminus: the generation and supply of electricity as well as the supply of gas in Belgium,

— for Essent Belgium: the retail supply of electricity and gas to small industrial and commercial customers and residential customers in Belgium.

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').