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Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.11897 – GROHE / VKB / SURU)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

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1. On 25 February 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:

— Grohe Holding GmbH ('GROHE', Germany), controlled by LIXIL Corporation (Japan),

— Versicherungskammer Bayern Versicherungsanstalt des öffentlichen Rechts ('VKB', Germany),

— SenseGuard GmbH ('SURU', Germany), currently controlled by GROHE.

GROHE and VKB will acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) and 3(4) of the Merger Regulation joint control of SURU.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

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

— GROHE supplies bathroom solutions and kitchen fittings,

— VKB is an insurance company offering a broad portfolio of insurances, including property insurance.

3. The business activities of the undertaking SURU are the following: SURU supplies pipe-related tap water damage prevention technologies and services.

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 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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