**Prior notification of a concentration**

**(Case M.10800 – AHLSELL / SANISTAL)**

**Candidate case for simplified procedure**

**(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2022/C 410/09)

1. On 17 October 2022, 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:

— Ahlsell Danmark ApS (Denmark, 'Ahlsell'), controlled by CVC Capital Partners SICAV-FIS S.A. (Luxembourg, 'CVC'),

— Sanistål A/S (Denmark, 'Sanistal').

Ahlsell will acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of the whole of Sanistal.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares as well as by way of public bid accounced on 24 May 2022.

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

— CVC is a large global investment manager focussed on private equity, secondaries and credit.

— Ahlsell is a CVC fund's portfolio company and a retailer and distributor of mainly installation products and tools & supplies to professional customers in the Nordic region.

— Sanistal provides a wide assortment of products with a primary focus on plumbing, heating, ventilation, air conditioning and tools & supplies, including personal protective equipment, for industry and construction in Denmark and the Baltics.

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.

Pursuant to the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ([2]) it should be noted that this case is a candidate for treatment under the procedure set out in the Notice.

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').
([2]) OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.

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