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PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.9885 – HAL Investments/De Drie Eiken)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2020/C 241/04)

1. On 10 July 2020, 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:

— HAL Investments B.V. ('HAL', European investment subsidiary of HAL Holding N.V., Curaçao),

— De Drie Eiken N.V. (holding company of the Van Wijnen group, Netherlands).

HAL acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of the whole of De Drie Eiken/Van Wijnen group.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for HAL: investments in a variety of sectors, including the maritime sector, tank storage, media, financial services, retail, office furniture, timber and building supplies and decorative laminates,

— for De Drie Eiken/Van Wijnen group: project development, construction of residential and non-residential buildings, renovation and area development, primarily in the Netherlands.

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 the 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:

M.9885 – HAL Investments/De Drie Eiken

([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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