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Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.11615 – JBT / MAREL)

(Text with EEA relevance)

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1. On 23 October 2024, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 and following a referral pursuant to Article 4(5) of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ([1]).

This notification concerns the following undertakings:

— John Bean Technologies Corporation ('JBT', United States),

— Marel hf. ('Marel', Iceland).

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

The concentration is accomplished by way of public bid announced on 5 April 2024.

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

— JBT supplies industrial food processing solutions and services used for applications in the global food processing industry. It designs, manufactures and services systems for the food industry, and some non-food applications such as pharma (as well as related spare parts and aftersales services). JBT's business is divided into two segments, namely (i) Protein; and (ii) Diversified Food & Health ('DF&H'),

— Marel is active globally in the manufacture and supply of equipment and systems for the food processing industry. It offers equipment for the processing of poultry, red meat, fish, and plant-based food and petfood (as well as related spare parts an aftersales services). It organises its business across four segments, namely (i) Poultry; (ii) Meat; (iii) Fish; and (iv) Plant, Pet and Feed.

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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Observations can be sent to the Commission by email 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').

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