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Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.11692 – SICK / EH / EHS)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

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1. On 7 November 2024, 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:

— Endress+Hauser AG ('EH', Switzerland),

— SICK AG ('SICK', Germany),

— SICK Engineering GmbH ('Target 1', Germany),

— SICK MAIHAK (Beijing) Co. Ltd. and certain distribution assets of SICK ('Target 2', China and various other countries).

EH and SICK will acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation joint control of the whole of Target 1. EH will acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of Target 2.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares and assets.

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

— EH is part of a group mainly active in relation to measurement and automation technology for the process industry worldwide,

— SICK is part of a group mainly active in relation to production of sensors and sensor solutions for industrial applications, in particular for factory, logistics, and process automation worldwide,

— Target 1 mainly produces and develops measurement technology for the flow rate of gas, measurement technology for monitoring of particle concentration and (in the future) process analysis technology in Germany,

— Target 2 mainly distributes the product solutions of Target 1 globally.

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 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.

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').
([2]) OJ C 160, 5.5.2023, p. 1.

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