Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.10706 – HAL INVESTMENTS / ROYAL BOSKALIS WESTMINSTER)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

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1. On 13 April 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:

— HAL Investments B.V ('Hal', the Netherlands), belonging to the Hal Trust group,

— Royal Boskalis Westminster N.V. (the 'Target', the Netherlands).

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

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

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

— Hal is a global investment company, with investments in a variety of sectors, including the maritime sector, tank storage, media, financial services, retail, office furniture and timber and building supplies.

— Target is a global maritime services company, active in dredging, offshore installation, offshore transport, subsea services, towage and salvage as well as inland infrastructure.

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.