Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.8969 — FSN Capital V/Saferoad Holding)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

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1. On 25 July 2018, 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:

— FSN Capital GP V Limited ('FSN Capital V', UK), belonging to the group FSN Capital (Norway),

— Saferoad Holding ASA ('Saferoad', Norway).

FSN Capital V will acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of the whole of Saferoad.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares and by way of public bid announced on 16 May 2018.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for FSN Capital V: a fund advised by FSN Capital Partners AS, a private equity investment firm headquartered in Oslo, Norway,

— for Saferoad: a public limited liability company incorporated in Norway and the holding company of a group of companies that specialise in road safety and road infrastructure solutions in Northern, Central and Eastern Europe.

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:

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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.