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Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.11833 – ABB / WM / JV)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

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1. On 11 February 2025, 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:

— ABB AB ('ABB', Sweden), controlled by ABB Ltd (Switzerland), the ultimate parent company of the ABB Group,

— Wallenius Marine AB ('WM', Sweden), controlled by Rederi AB Soya (Sweden), the ultimate parent company of the Soya Group.

ABB and WM will acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) and 3(4) of the Merger Regulation joint control of Oversea Fleet Support AB ('Oversea JV', Sweden).

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares in a newly created company constituting a joint venture.

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

— ABB belongs to the ABB Group which is active in electrification and automation,

— WM offers a complete shipping service, from design, building, and construction of new ships to ship management.

3. The business activities of the undertaking Oversea JV will be the following: provision of connected fleet performance support services.

4. 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.

5. 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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