C/2025/446

17.1.2025

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.11806 – EFMS / OEM INTERNATIONAL)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(C/2025/446)

1. On 9 January 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:

— EQT Fund Management S.á r.l. ('EFMS', Luxembourg), controlled by EQT AB ('EQT AB', Sweden),

— OEM International AB ('OEM International', Sweden).

EFMS will acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of the whole of OEM International.

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

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

— EFMS is the alternative investment fund manager of EQT Fund X, a private investment fund forming part of the EQT group of investment funds. EQT portfolio companies are active in a variety of industries and countries in the EEA and globally,

— OEM International is a Northern European distributor of industrial components. Its customers operate in different segments of the manufacturing industry. These include original equipment manufacturers, installation companies, and retailers for professional markets. OEM International distributes products in six main areas (i) electrical components; (ii) machinery components and cables; (iii) pressure and flow components; (iv) motors, ball bearings and breaks; (v) appliance components and (vi) installation components.

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:

M.11806 – EFMS / OEM INTERNATIONAL

([1]) OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the 'Merger Regulation').
([2]) OJ C 160, 5.5.2023, p. 1.

Observations can be sent to the Commission by email or by post. Please use the contact details below:

Email: COMP-MERGER-REGISTRY@ec.europa.eu

Postal address:

European Commission
Directorate-General for Competition
Merger Registry
1049 Bruxelles/Brussel
BELGIQUE/BELGIË