

Prior notification of a concentration
(Case COMP/M.6543 — Wienerberger/Pipelife International)
Candidate case for simplified procedure
(Text with EEA relevance)
(2012/C 106/05)

1. On 26 March 2012, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾ by which Wienerberger AG (Austria) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of Pipelife International GmbH (Austria), formerly a joint venture of Wienerberger AG and the Solvay Group (Belgium), by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- Wienerberger produces building materials, particularly clay tiles used as building materials for roofs and walls, for the international market. It also produces stoneware sewage pipes,
- Pipelife produces and sells plastic piping systems, also serving the international market. Pipelife's main line of business is the production of sewage pipes.

3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified transaction could fall within the scope of the EC 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 EC Merger Regulation ⁽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. Observations can be sent to the Commission by fax (+32 22964301), by email to COMP-MERGER-REGISTRY@ec.europa.eu or by post, under reference number COMP/M.6543 — Wienerberger/Pipelife International, to the following address:

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⁽¹⁾ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the 'EC Merger Regulation').

⁽²⁾ OJ C 56, 5.3.2005, p. 32 ('Notice on a simplified procedure').