Prior notification of a concentration

(Case COMP/M.6638 — ABN AMRO/Rabobank/Landsbanki/Heiploeg)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2012/C 218/11)

1. On 18 July 2012, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 [1] by which the undertakings ABN AMRO Effecten Compagnie B.V ('AAEC', The Netherlands) belonging to ABN AMRO Bank N.V. ('ABN AMRO', The Netherlands), Rabo Investments B.V. ('Rabo Investments', The Netherlands) and Friesland Bank N.V. ('FB', The Netherlands) belonging to Coöperatieve Centrale Raiffeisen-Boerenleenbank B.A ('Rabobank', The Netherlands) and Landsbanki Islands HF ('Landsbanki', Iceland) acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation joint control of the undertaking Heiploeg Holding B.V and its group companies ('Heiploeg Group', The Netherlands) by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for ABN AMRO: international banking group active worldwide in four principal customer segments: personal banking, private banking, business and commercial clients and corporate and institutional clients,

— for Rabobank: bank and credit institution active in retail and corporate banking, financial, services and provision of mortgages,

— for Landsbanki: general bank and credit institution mainly active in retail and corporate banking,

— for Heiploeg Group: active in the sourcing, processing, distribution and selling of shrimps.

3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified transaction could fall within the scope the EC Merger Regulation. However, the final decision on this point is reserved.

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 e-mail to COMP-MERGER-REGISTRY@ec.europa.eu or by post, under reference number COMP/M.6638 — ABN AMRO/Rabobank/Landsbanki/Heiploeg, to the following address:

European Commission
Directorate-General for Competition
Merger Registry
J-70
1049 Bruxelles/Brussel
BELGIQUE/BELGIË

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