

Prior notification of a concentration
(Case COMP/M.7015 — Bain Capital/Altor/EWOS)
(Text with EEA relevance)
(2013/C 258/07)

1. On 2 September 2013, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾ by which Bain Capital Investors, LLC ('Bain Capital', USA) and Altor Fund III GP Limited ('Altor', Jersey) acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation joint control of EWOS Group, a business division of Cermaq ASA ('EWOS', Norway) by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for Bain Capital: private equity investment firm active in healthcare, retail and consumer products, communication, information technology, financial and industrial manufacturing,
- for Altor: private equity fund focusing on investments in the mid-market segment of the Nordic region,
- for EWOS: production and supply of fish feed and nutrition for farmed fish primarily for salmon and trout.

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.

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.7015 — Bain Capital/Altor/EWOS, to the following address:

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