

Prior notification of a concentration**(Case M.8559 — AUNDE/Bader/JV)****Candidate case for simplified procedure****(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2017/C 290/05)

1. On 25 August 2017 the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 and following a referral pursuant to Article 4(5) of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾ by which the undertakings AUNDE Achter & Ebels GmbH, belonging to the Aunde Group ('Aunde', Germany) and controlled by CCBA GmbH & Co. KG, and Bader Holding GmbH, belonging to the Bader Group ('Bader', Germany) and controlled by Bader GmbH & Co. KG, acquire within the meaning of Article 3(4) of the Merger Regulation joint control over AUNDE C & S GmbH ('the JV', Germany) by way of a purchase of shares in a newly created company constituting a joint venture.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- Aunde designs, manufactures and supplies yarns, technical textiles, seat covers, technical springs, complete seats, foam parts, interior and composite components for Original Equipment Manufacturers ('OEMs') under the brands 'Aunde', 'Isringhausen' and 'Fehrer',
- Bader produces leather that can be used for seat covers and other interior part of a vehicle,
- the JV will manufacture and supply textile and/or leather seat covers for passenger cars and light commercial vehicles to OEMs, primarily in the EEA.

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 procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽²⁾ it should be noted that this case is a candidate for treatment under the procedure set out in this 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 M.8559 — AUNDE/Bader/JV, to the following address:

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

⁽²⁾ OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.