PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.7550 — CRH / Holcim Lafarge Divestment Business)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2015/C 99/09)

1. On 18 March 2015, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ([1]) by which the undertaking CRH plc ('CRH', Ireland) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of certain assets divested by Holcim Ltd and Lafarge SA (together 'the Divestment Business'), by way of purchase of assets.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for CRH: production and distribution of building materials, including grey cement, ready-mix concrete, aggregates and asphalt,

— for the Divestment Business: production and distribution of building materials, including grey and white cement, ready-mix concrete, aggregates and asphalt.

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.

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 M.7550 — CRH / Holcim Lafarge Divestment Business, to the following address:

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