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PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.8725 — Nufarm/Century)

(Text with EEA relevance)

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1. On 30 January 2018, 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).

This notification concerns the following undertakings:

- Nufarm Europe GmbH (Germany), controlled by Nufarm Ltd (Australia),
- Century, portfolio of assets belonging to Adama Agricultural Solutions Ltd (Israel) and Syngenta AG (Switzerland).

Nufarm acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of the whole of Century.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of assets.

- 2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
- for Nufarm: crop protection products and seeds technologies,
- for Century: portfolio of crop protection products including herbicides, fungicides, insecticides, seed treatments and plant growth regulators 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.
- 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. The following reference should always be specified:

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