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## I

(Resolutions, recommendations and opinions)

## RECOMMENDATIONS

## EUROPEAN CENTRAL BANK

## RECOMMENDATION OF THE EUROPEAN CENTRAL BANK

of 15 December 2017

to the Council of the European Union on the external auditors of the European Central Bank

(ECB/2017/42)

(2017/C 444/01)

THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN CENTRAL BANK,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to the Statute of the European System of Central Banks and of the European Central Bank, and in particular Article 27.1 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The accounts of the European Central Bank (ECB) and the national central banks of the Member States whose currency is the euro are audited by independent external auditors recommended by the ECB's Governing Council and approved by the Council of the European Union.
- (2) The mandate of the ECB's current external auditors, Ernst & Young GmbH Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft, will end after the audit for the financial year 2017. It is therefore necessary to appoint external auditors from the financial year 2018.
- (3) The ECB has selected Baker Tilly GmbH & Co. KG Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft as its external auditors for the financial years 2018 to 2022, with an option to extend the mandate for up to two additional financial years (i.e. to 2023 or to 2024),

HAS ADOPTED THIS RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that Baker Tilly GmbH & Co. KG Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft should be appointed as the external auditors of the ECB for the financial years 2018 to 2022, with an option to extend the mandate for up to two additional financial years (i.e. to 2023 or to 2024).

Done at Frankfurt am Main, 15 December 2017.

*The President of the ECB*

Mario DRAGHI

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## II

*(Information)*INFORMATION FROM EUROPEAN UNION INSTITUTIONS, BODIES, OFFICES  
AND AGENCIES

## EUROPEAN COMMISSION

**Non-opposition to a notified concentration****(Case M.8647 — Värde/Fraikin)****(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2017/C 444/02)

On 18 December 2017, the Commission decided not to oppose the above notified concentration and to declare it compatible with the internal market. This decision is based on Article 6(1)(b) of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 <sup>(1)</sup>. The full text of the decision is available only in English and will be made public after it is cleared of any business secrets it may contain. It will be available:

- in the merger section of the Competition website of the Commission (<http://ec.europa.eu/competition/mergers/cases/>). This website provides various facilities to help locate individual merger decisions, including company, case number, date and sectoral indexes,
- in electronic form on the EUR-Lex website (<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/homepage.html?locale=en>) under document number 32017M8647. EUR-Lex is the online access to European law.

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1.

**Non-opposition to a notified concentration****(Case M.8068 — Bunge/Walter Rau Neusser Öl und Fett)****(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2017/C 444/03)

On 20 September 2016, the Commission decided not to oppose the above notified concentration and to declare it compatible with the internal market. This decision is based on Article 6(1)(b) of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 <sup>(1)</sup>. The full text of the decision is available only in English and will be made public after it is cleared of any business secrets it may contain. It will be available:

- in the merger section of the Competition website of the Commission (<http://ec.europa.eu/competition/mergers/cases/>). This website provides various facilities to help locate individual merger decisions, including company, case number, date and sectoral indexes,
- in electronic form on the EUR-Lex website (<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/homepage.html?locale=en>) under document number 32016M8068. EUR-Lex is the online access to European law.

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1.

## IV

(Notices)

## NOTICES FROM EUROPEAN UNION INSTITUTIONS, BODIES, OFFICES AND AGENCIES

## EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Euro exchange rates <sup>(1)</sup>

22 December 2017

(2017/C 444/04)

1 euro =

Currency	Exchange rate	Currency	Exchange rate		
USD	US dollar	1,1853	CAD	Canadian dollar	1,5057
JPY	Japanese yen	134,37	HKD	Hong Kong dollar	9,2648
DKK	Danish krone	7,4443	NZD	New Zealand dollar	1,6904
GBP	Pound sterling	0,88568	SGD	Singapore dollar	1,5929
SEK	Swedish krona	9,9327	KRW	South Korean won	1 276,34
CHF	Swiss franc	1,1735	ZAR	South African rand	15,0586
ISK	Iceland króna		CNY	Chinese yuan renminbi	7,7945
NOK	Norwegian krone	9,8963	HRK	Croatian kuna	7,5420
BGN	Bulgarian lev	1,9558	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	16 070,50
CZK	Czech koruna	25,750	MYR	Malaysian ringgit	4,8354
HUF	Hungarian forint	311,82	PHP	Philippine peso	59,382
PLN	Polish zloty	4,1975	RUB	Russian rouble	69,0950
RON	Romanian leu	4,6420	THB	Thai baht	38,830
TRY	Turkish lira	4,5250	BRL	Brazilian real	3,9349
AUD	Australian dollar	1,5358	MXN	Mexican peso	23,1255
			INR	Indian rupee	75,9065

<sup>(1)</sup> Source: reference exchange rate published by the ECB.

**New national side of euro coins intended for circulation**

(2017/C 444/05)



*National side of the new commemorative 2-euro coin intended for circulation and issued by Germany*

Euro coins intended for circulation have legal tender status throughout the euro area. For the purpose of informing the public and all parties who handle the coins, the Commission publishes a description of the designs of all new coins <sup>(1)</sup>. In accordance with the Council conclusions of 10 February 2009 <sup>(2)</sup>, euro-area Member States and countries that have concluded a monetary agreement with the European Union providing for the issuing of euro coins are allowed to issue commemorative euro coins intended for circulation, provided that certain conditions are met, particularly that only the 2-euro denomination is used. These coins have the same technical characteristics as other 2-euro coins, but their national face features a commemorative design that is highly symbolic in national or European terms.

**Issuing country:** Germany

**Subject of commemoration:** The 100th birthday anniversary of the great German statesman and Chancellor Helmut Schmidt (1918-2015)

**Description of the design:** The design portrays Helmut Schmidt in a characteristic pose as he engages in dialogue with his interlocutor. In semi-circle at the top right the inscription 'HELMUT SCHMIDT' and at the right side the years '1918-2015'. The mint mark of the respective mint appears underneath the years. At the left side is the code of the issuing country 'D' and underneath is the year of issuance '2018'. At the bottom there are the initials of the artist.

The coin's outer ring depicts the 12 stars of the European flag.

**Estimated number of coins to be issued:** 30 000 000

**Date of issue:** January/February 2018

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<sup>(1)</sup> See OJ C 373, 28.12.2001, p. 1 for the national faces of all the coins issued in 2002.

<sup>(2)</sup> See the conclusions of the Economic and Financial Affairs Council of 10 February 2009 and the Commission Recommendation of 19 December 2008 on common guidelines for the national sides and the issuance of euro coins intended for circulation (OJ L 9, 14.1.2009, p. 52).



**New national side of euro coins intended for circulation**

(2017/C 444/06)



*National side of the new commemorative 2-euro coin intended for circulation and issued by Italy*

Euro coins intended for circulation have legal tender status throughout the euro area. For the purpose of informing the public and all parties who handle the coins, the Commission publishes a description of the designs of all new coins <sup>(1)</sup>. In accordance with the Council conclusions of 10 February 2009 <sup>(2)</sup>, euro-area Member States and countries that have concluded a monetary agreement with the European Union providing for the issuing of euro coins are allowed to issue commemorative euro coins intended for circulation, provided that certain conditions are met, particularly that only the 2-euro denomination is used. These coins have the same technical characteristics as other 2-euro coins, but their national face features a commemorative design that is highly symbolic in national or European terms.

**Issuing country:** Italy

**Subject of commemoration:** The 70th Anniversary of the Coming into Force of the Italian Constitution

**Description of the design:** Enrico De Nicola, provisional Head of State, signs the act of promulgation of the Constitution of the Italian Republic on December 27, 1947; on his right, the Head of Government Alcide De Gasperi, on the left, Umberto Terracini, President of the Italian Constituent Assembly. Above, the inscription 'COSTITUZIONE' and the monogram of the Italian Republic 'RI'; in exergue, the inscription 'CON SICURA COSCIENZA', 'R', the mintmark of the Mint of Rome, and the dates '1948 • 2018', respectively year of the coming into force of the Italian Constitution and year of the issue of the coin.

The coin's outer ring depicts the 12 stars of the European flag.

**Estimated number of coins to be issued:** 4 000 000

**Date of issue:** January 2018

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<sup>(1)</sup> See OJ C 373, 28.12.2001, p. 1 for the national faces of all the coins issued in 2002.

<sup>(2)</sup> See the conclusions of the Economic and Financial Affairs Council of 10 February 2009 and the Commission Recommendation of 19 December 2008 on common guidelines for the national sides and the issuance of euro coins intended for circulation (OJ L 9, 14.1.2009, p. 52).

**New national side of euro coins intended for circulation**

(2017/C 444/07)



*National side of the new commemorative 2-euro coin intended for circulation and issued by Estonia*

Euro coins intended for circulation have legal tender status throughout the euro area. For the purpose of informing the public and all parties who handle the coins, the Commission publishes a description of the designs of all new coins <sup>(1)</sup>. In accordance with the Council conclusions of 10 February 2009 <sup>(2)</sup>, euro-area Member States and countries that have concluded a monetary agreement with the European Union providing for the issuing of euro coins are allowed to issue commemorative euro coins intended for circulation, provided that certain conditions are met, particularly that only the 2-euro denomination is used. These coins have the same technical characteristics as other 2-euro coins, but their national face features a commemorative design that is highly symbolic in national or European terms.

**Issuing country:** Estonia

**Subject of commemoration:** The centennial of the independence of Estonia

**Description of the design:** The design depicts simultaneously the numbers 18 and 100, which symbolize the time when Estonia became an independent country and furthermore reflect the past hundred years. At the bottom right is the text 'SADA AASTAT EESTI VABARIIKI' and next to it the name of the country 'EESTI' and the year of issuance '2018'.

The coin's outer ring depicts the 12 stars of the European flag.

**Estimated number of coins to be issued:** 1 317 800

**Date of issue:** January/February 2018

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<sup>(1)</sup> See OJ C 373, 28.12.2001, p. 1 for the national faces of all the coins issued in 2002.

<sup>(2)</sup> See the conclusions of the Economic and Financial Affairs Council of 10 February 2009 and the Commission Recommendation of 19 December 2008 on common guidelines for the national sides and the issuance of euro coins intended for circulation (OJ L 9, 14.1.2009, p. 52).

**New national side of euro coins intended for circulation**

(2017/C 444/08)



*National side of the new commemorative 2-euro coin intended for circulation and issued by Slovakia*

Euro coins intended for circulation have legal tender status throughout the euro area. For the purpose of informing the public and all parties who handle the coins, the Commission publishes a description of the designs of all new coins <sup>(1)</sup>. In accordance with the Council conclusions of 10 February 2009 <sup>(2)</sup>, euro-area Member States and countries that have concluded a monetary agreement with the European Union providing for the issuing of euro coins are allowed to issue commemorative euro coins intended for circulation, provided that certain conditions are met, particularly that only the 2-euro denomination is used. These coins have the same technical characteristics as other 2-euro coins, but their national face features a commemorative design that is highly symbolic in national or European terms.

**Issuing country:** Slovakia

**Subject of commemoration:** The 25th anniversary of the establishment of the Slovak Republic

**Description of the design:** The design symbolises Slovakia's entry into the European Union and the euro area by showing a stylised portal arching over both a map of Slovakia and a euro symbol surrounded by the European Union stars, some covered by the map. The Slovak coat of arms appears on the left of the design. At the lower left side, in semi-circle is the name of the issuing country 'SLOVENSKA REPUBLIKA'. The date of the country's establishment '1.1.1993' and the year of issuance '2018' appear, one above the other, below the right side of the map. Between the map and the date are the mint mark of the Kremnica Mint (Mincovňa Kremnica), consisting of the initials 'MK' placed between two dies, and the stylised letters 'PK', the initials of the designer, Pavel Károly.

The coin's outer ring depicts the 12 stars of the European flag.

**Estimated number of coins to be issued:** 1 000 000

**Date of issue:** January 2018

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<sup>(1)</sup> See OJ C 373, 28.12.2001, p. 1 for the national faces of all the coins issued in 2002.

<sup>(2)</sup> See the conclusions of the Economic and Financial Affairs Council of 10 February 2009 and the Commission Recommendation of 19 December 2008 on common guidelines for the national sides and the issuance of euro coins intended for circulation (OJ L 9, 14.1.2009, p. 52).

## NOTICES FROM MEMBER STATES

**Communication from the Minister for Economic Affairs and Climate Policy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands pursuant to Article 3(2) of Directive 94/22/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on the conditions for granting and using authorisations for the prospection, exploration and production of hydrocarbons**

(2017/C 444/09)

The Minister for Economic Affairs and Climate Policy hereby gives notice that an application has been received for authorisation to prospect for hydrocarbons in block P1, as indicated on the map appended as Annex 3 to the Mining Regulation (*Mijnbouwregeling*) (Government Gazette (*Staatscourant*) 2002, No 245).

With reference to the Directive referred to in the preamble and Article 15 of the Mining Act (*Mijnbouwwet*) (Bulletin of Acts and Decrees (*Staatsblad*) 2002, No 542), the Minister for Economic Affairs and Climate Policy hereby invites interested parties to submit a competing application for authorisation to prospect for hydrocarbons in block P1 of the Dutch continental shelf.

The Minister for Economic Affairs and Climate Policy is the competent authority for the granting of authorisations. The criteria, conditions and requirements referred to in Articles 5(1) and (2) and 6(2) of the above-mentioned Directive are set out in the Mining Act (Bulletin of Acts and Decrees 2002, No 542).

Applications may be submitted during the 13 weeks following the publication of this notice in the Official Journal of the European Union and should be sent to:

The Minister for Economic Affairs and Climate Policy  
attn.: Mr J.L. Rosch, Energy and Environment Directorate

Bezuidenhoutseweg 73  
Postbus 20401  
2500 EK Den Haag  
NEDERLAND

Applications received after the expiry of this period will not be considered.

A decision on the applications will be taken not later than 12 months after this period has expired.

Further information can be obtained by calling Mr E.J. Hoppel on the following telephone number: +31 703797762.

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**Communication from the Minister for Economic Affairs and Climate Policy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands pursuant to Article 3(2) of Directive 94/22/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on the conditions for granting and using authorisations for the prospection, exploration and production of hydrocarbons**

(2017/C 444/10)

The Minister for Economic Affairs and Climate Policy hereby gives notice that an application has been received for authorisation to prospect for hydrocarbons in blocks B17 and F01 and segments of the blocks B16 (B16b), E3 (E3a), E6 (E6a), F2 (F2b) and F4 (F4a) as indicated on the map appended as Annex 3 to the Mining Regulation [*Mijnbouwregeling*] (Government Gazette [*Staatscourant*] 2014, No 4928).

Block segment B16b is delimited by the great circles between vertex pairs A-B, B-C, C-D and A-D.

The vertices are defined as follows:

Vertex	°	'	" E.L.	°	'	" N.L.
A	3	59	54,831	55	4	57,466
B	4	19	54,862	55	4	57,480
C	4	19	54,873	54	59	57,470
D	3	59	54,842	54	59	57,456

The above vertices are defined by their geographical coordinates, calculated according to the ETRS89 system.

Block segment B16b covers an area of 197,6 km<sup>2</sup>.

Block segment E3a is delimited by the great circles between vertex pairs A-B, B-C, C-D and A-D.

The vertices are defined as follows:

Vertex	°	'	" E.L.	°	'	" N.L.
A	3	47	24,823	54	59	57,447
B	3	59	54,842	54	59	57,456
C	3	59	54,863	54	49	57,436
D	3	47	24,844	54	49	57,427

The above vertices are defined by their geographical coordinates, calculated according to the ETRS89 system.

Block segment E3a covers an area of 247,7 km<sup>2</sup>.

Block segment E6a is delimited by the great circles between vertex pairs A-B, B-C, C-D and A-D.

The vertices are defined as follows:

Vertex	°	'	" E.L.	°	'	" N.L.
A	3	47	24,844	54	49	57,427
B	3	59	54,863	54	49	57,436
C	3	59	54,867	54	48	19,433
D	3	47	24,848	54	48	19,424

The above vertices are defined by their geographical coordinates, calculated according to the ETRS89 system.

Block segment E6a covers an area of 40,6 km<sup>2</sup>.

Block segment F2b is delimited by the great circles between vertex pairs A-B, B-C, C-D and A-D.

The vertices are defined as follows:

Vertex	°	'	" E.L.	°	'	" N.L.
A	4	19	54,873	54	59	57,470
B	4	28	54,887	54	59	57,476
C	4	28	54,897	54	54	57,466
D	4	19	54,883	54	54	57,460

The above vertices are defined by their geographical coordinates, calculated according to the ETRS89 system.

Block segment F2b covers an area of 89,1 km<sup>2</sup>.

Block segment F4a is delimited by the great circles between vertex pairs A-B, B-C, C-D and A-D.

The vertices are defined as follows:

Vertex	°	'	" E.L.	°	'	" N.L.
A	3	59	54,863	54	49	57,436
B	4	19	54,894	54	49	57,450
C	4	19	54,907	54	43	50,438
D	3	59	54,876	54	43	50,423

The above vertices are defined by their geographical coordinates, calculated according to the ETRS89 system.

Block segment F4a covers an area of 243,2 km<sup>2</sup>.

With reference to the Directive referred to in the introduction and Article 15 of the Mining Act (*Mijnbouwwet*) (Bulletin of Acts and Decrees (*Staatsblad*) 2002, No 542), the Minister for Economic Affairs and Climate Policy hereby invites interested parties to submit a competing application for authorisation to prospect for hydrocarbons in blocks B17 and F1 and segments of blocks B16 (B16b), E3 (E3a), E06 (E6a), F2 (F2b) and F4 (F4a) of the Dutch continental shelf.

The Minister for Economic Affairs and Climate Policy is the competent authority for the granting of authorisations. The criteria, conditions and requirements referred to in Articles 5(1), 5(2) and 6(2) of the above-mentioned Directive are set out in the Mining Act (Bulletin of Acts and Decrees 2002, No 542).

Applications may be submitted during the 13 weeks following the publication of this notice in the *Official Journal of the European Union* and should be sent to:

De Minister van Economische Zaken en Klimaat  
 ter attentie van de heer J.L. Rosch, directie Energie en Omgeving  
 Bezuidenhoutseweg 73  
 Postbus 20401,  
 2500 EK Den Haag  
 NEDERLAND

Applications received after the expiry of this period will not be considered.

A decision on the applications will be taken not later than 12 months after this period has expired.

Further information can be obtained by calling Mr E.J. Hoppel on: +31 703797762.

## V

*(Announcements)*PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION  
POLICY

## EUROPEAN COMMISSION

**Prior notification of a concentration****(Case M.8721 — Owens Corning/Paroc)****(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2017/C 444/11)

1. On 15 December 2017, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 <sup>(1)</sup>.

This notification concerns the following undertakings:

- Owens Corning Finland Oy (Finland), controlled by Owens Corning (US),
- Paroc Group Oyj (Finland), controlled by Parry I Holding AB (Sweden).

Owens Corning Finland Oy acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of the whole of Parry I Holding AB and hence of its subsidiary Paroc Group Oyj.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for undertaking Owens Corning: the development, manufacture and sale of roofing, insulation and glass fibre composites,
- for undertaking Paroc Group Oyj: the production and supply of mineral wool insulation materials for building insulation (thermal, fire and acoustic applications in residential and commercial construction) and technical insulation.

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:

M.8721 — Owens Corning/Paroc

Observations can be sent to the Commission by email, by fax, or by post. Please use the contact details below:

Email: COMP-MERGER-REGISTRY@ec.europa.eu

Fax +32 22964301

Postal address:

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Directorate-General for Competition  
Merger Registry  
1049 Bruxelles/Brussel  
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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the 'Merger Regulation').

**Prior notification of a concentration**  
**(Case M.8737 — AmTrust/Madison Dearborn Partners/Mayfield Holdings JV)**  
**Candidate case for simplified procedure**  
**(Text with EEA relevance)**  
(2017/C 444/12)

1. On 18 December 2017, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 <sup>(1)</sup>.

This notification concerns the following undertakings:

- AmTrust Financial Services ('AmTrust') (USA),
- Madison Dearborn Partners ('MDP') (USA),
- Mayfield Holdings ('Mayfield') (USA).

AmTrust and MDP acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) and Article 3(4) of the Merger Regulation joint control of the whole of Mayfield Holdings LLC.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares in a newly created company constituting a joint venture.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for AmTrust: AmTrust is a US-based insurance conglomerate
- for MDP: MDP is a US-based private equity investment firm, with investments in a range of industries.

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 the Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 <sup>(2)</sup> it should be noted that this case is a candidate for treatment under the procedure set out in the 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. The following reference should always be specified:

M.8737 — AmTrust/Madison Dearborn Partners/Mayfield Holdings JV

Observations can be sent to the Commission by email, by fax, or by post. Please use the contact details below:

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the 'Merger Regulation').

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.



**Prior notification of a concentration**  
**(Case M.8740 — Schmolz+Bickenbach/Assets of Asco Industries)**  
**Candidate case for simplified procedure**  
**(Text with EEA relevance)**  
(2017/C 444/13)

1. On 19 December 2017, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 <sup>(1)</sup>.

This notification concerns the following undertakings:

- Schmolz+Bickenbach AG (Switzerland), controlled by the Renova Group;
- Asco Industries SAS (France).

Schmolz+Bickenbach acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of certain parts of Asco Industries.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of assets and purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for Schmolz+Bickenbach: manufacture of special long steel products, in particular tool steel and non-corrosive long steel as well as alloyed and high alloyed engineering steel. Schmolz+Bickenbach is vertically integrated along the entire value chain, from production and processing to sales and services and operates worldwide;
- for Renova Group: a private business group consisting of asset management companies and direct portfolio investment funds in a variety of sectors worldwide;
- for Asco Industries: manufacture of special long steel products for the automotive, mechanical engineering, bearings and energy sectors in Europe.

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 the Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 <sup>(2)</sup> it should be noted that this case is a candidate for treatment under the procedure set out in the 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. The following reference should always be specified:

M.8740 — Schmolz+Bickenbach/Assets of Asco Industries

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the 'Merger Regulation').

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.

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**Prior notification of a concentration**  
**(Case M.8745 — CD&R/D'Ieteren/Belron)**  
**Candidate case for simplified procedure**  
**(Text with EEA relevance)**  
(2017/C 444/14)

1. On 19 December 2017, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 <sup>(1)</sup>.

This notification concerns the following undertakings:

- Clayton, Dubilier & Rice ('CD&R', USA),
- SA D'Ieteren NV ('D'Ieteren', Belgium),
- Belron Group S.A. ('Belron', Luxembourg), controlled by D'Ieteren.

CD&R and D'Ieteren acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) and 3(4) of the Merger Regulation joint control of the whole of Belron.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for CD&R: CD&R is a private investment firm,
- for D'Ieteren: D'Ieteren engages, through its subsidiaries, in automobile distribution, vehicle glass repair and replacement, and manufacturing of fabricated products,
- for Belron: Belron is a vehicle glass repair and replacement services group, which in some countries also manages vehicle glass and other insurance claims for some insurers.

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.

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## OTHER ACTS

## EUROPEAN COMMISSION

**Notice concerning a request pursuant to Article 35 of Directive 2014/25/EU****Extension of the period for adoption of implementing acts**

(2017/C 444/15)

On 30 January 2017 the Commission received a request pursuant to Article 35 of Directive 2014/25/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council <sup>(1)</sup>.

This request, made by Eneco B.V. and N.V. Nuon Energy, concerns retail of electricity and gas in the Netherlands. The relevant notices were published on page 6 of OJ C 85 of 18 March 2017 and on page 24 of OJ C 212 of 1 July 2017.

Pursuant to the fourth subparagraph of paragraph 1 to Annex IV to Directive 2014/25/EU, the deadline may be extended by the Commission with the agreement of those having made the request for exemption concerned. Given the need for additional information to substantiate the case, at the request of the Applicant and with the agreement of the Commission, the period available to the Commission for deciding on this request is hereby extended until 24 March 2018.

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<sup>(1)</sup> Directive 2014/25/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 February 2014 on procurement by entities operating in the water, energy, transport and postal services sectors and repealing Directive 2004/17/EC (OJ L 94, 28.3.2014, p. 243).

## CORRIGENDA

**Corrigendum to the publication of an amendment application pursuant to Article 50(2)(a) of Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council on quality schemes for agricultural products and foodstuffs**

*(Official Journal of the European Union C 440 of 26 November 2016)*

(2017/C 444/16)

On page 7, point 3.2 of the Single Document, ninth indent:

*for:* '— Oleic acid:  $\leq$  70 %';

*read:* '— Oleic acid:  $\geq$  70 %';

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