

**The Competition College of the BCA authorises conditionally the acquisition of garages of the group Kant by Volvo Group Belgium**

The Competition College of the Belgian Competition Authority (BCA) has authorised on 31 January 2018 the acquisition of garages of Kant NV by Volvo Group Belgium NV.

The target companies are garages with respect to Volvo trucks and busses in Belgium (Antwerp, Beerse, Olen and Sint-Niklaas) and Volvo and Renault trucks and busses in the Netherland (Hulst). The acquisition also deals, inter alia, with commercial activities with respect to Volvo Penta engines (boat engines, industrial engines and power engines (Antwerp)).

The concentration was assessed in particular with regard to markets for maintenance and repairs of Volvo trucks. The Competition College has decided with the competition prosecutor that the concentration did not risk to cause a restriction of competition on other markets.

The offered commitments are mainly concerned with the recognition of an additional authorised repairer in the Mechelen catchment area in order for clients to maintain enough options in the area where the concentration effect is the highest and in bordering areas.

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