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The Belgian Competition Authority approves the acquisition of Kumpen by Willemen Groep

The Investigation and Prosecution Service of the Belgian Competition Authority (BCA) has approved on 8 May 2018 the acquisition of Kumpen NV by Willemen Groep NV.

The concentration was notified on 25 April 2018. The application of the simplified procedure was requested.

Willemen Groep NV includes several companies active in the construction sector. Kumpen NV is active in the overall construction sector and road construction.

K-Boringen NV and Kumpen Real Estate Development NV are not concerned by the concentration.

The concentration concerns the sector of residential and non-residential construction, civil engineering construction as well as road construction.

In its decision of 8 May 2018, the BCA finds that the conditions for the application of the simplified procedure are met and that the notified concentration does not raise any objection.

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