

The BCA approves the acquisition of Groep Bruyninx NV, Etablissements Gaspar NV and Gaspar Motors Antwerpen NV by Van Mossel Automotive Group 4 NV

The Investigation and Prosecution Service of the Belgian Competition Authority (BCA) has approved on 18 December 2018 the acquisition of Groep Bruyninx NV, Etablissements Gaspar NV and Gaspar Motors Antwerpen NV by Van Mossel Automotive Group 4 NV.

The merger was notified on 30 November 2018. The application of the simplified procedure was requested.

The merger concerns the automotive retail sector and the automotive leasing sector.

Van Mossel Automotive Groep 4 NV is in Belgium active in the automotive leasing sector.

The target companies Groep Bruyninx NV, Etablissements Gaspar NV and Gaspar Motors Antwerpen NV, are all active in the automotive retail sector in Belgium.

In its decision of 18 December 2018, the BCA finds that the conditions for the application of the simplified procedure are met and that the notified merger does not raise any objection.

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