

The BCA approves the acquisition of the group Vanden Bergh by the group STAPAL

The Investigation and Prosecution Service of the Belgian Competition Authority (BCA) has approved on 29 January 2019 the acquisition of the group Vanden Bergh (the companies NV MV Management, NV Ets. Vanden Bergh & Fils and BVBA MV Investments) by the group STAPAL (with i.a. NV Desco).

The merger was notified on 15 January 2019. The application of the simplified procedure was requested.

The concentration concerns the sanitary and HVAC sector (heating, ventilation, air conditioning or cooling), in particular wholesale and to a limited extent retail.

In its decision of 29 January 2019, 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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