

**The Belgian Competition Authority approves the acquisition of the Pattyn garages operating companies by the Steveny Group**

On 19 May 2022, the Belgian Competition Authority (BCA) approved the concentration by which Steveny Holding SRL (the Steveny Group) intends to acquire sole control of C&C Finance SRL and GOOD C.C. SRL, the operating companies of the Pattyn garages.

The parties are active in the automotive distribution and related services sector.

The concentration was notified on 6 May 2022 and the application of the simplified procedure was requested.

The Steveny Group operates, through two subsidiaries:

- Kia car dealerships located in Braine-l'Alleud, Dinant, Hannut, Huy, Marche-en-Famenne, Namur and Wavre;
- Ford dealerships in Arlon, Barvaux, Braine-l'Alleud, Charleroi, Dinant, Gembloux, Heppignies, Hannut, Huy, Marche-en-Famenne, Namur, Nivelles, Sambreville and soon Walcourt

C&C Finance controls the companies Nivauto SRL, Nivelles Automobiles SA, Ets H. Pattyn et Fils SA, SAWA Braine SRL, SAWA Center SRL and Société Automobile de Waterloo SA. These companies operate car dealerships for the brands Audi, Volkswagen, Skoda, Seat and Cupra located in Braine-l'Alleud, Genappe, Nivelles and Waterloo. Nivelles Automobiles also operates a multi-brand body shop under the Wondercar name. Good C.C. operates a multi-brand mechanical workshop in Nivelles.

The parties' activities overlap in the markets for the sale of new and used passenger cars and light commercial vehicles, bodywork services, the distribution of spare parts and, to a very limited extent, maintenance and repair of the brands sold by the parties.

Nevertheless, due to the limited position of the parties in the relevant markets, the BCA finds in its decision of 19 May 2022 that the conditions for the application of the simplified procedure are fulfilled and that the notified concentration does not give rise to any opposition.

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