

The Belgian Competition Authority approves the creation of a joint venture BV Asphalt by BAM Contractors NV and Viabuild NV for the joint production and sale of asphalt in Belgium

The Investigation and Prosecution Service of the Belgian Competition Authority (BCA) has approved on 15 September 2020 the creation of a joint venture BV Asphalt by BAM Contractors NV and Viabuild NV for the joint production and sale of asphalt in Belgium.

The merger was notified to the Belgian Competition Authority on 2 September 2020 and the application of the simplified procedure in merger cases was requested.

The merger concerns the construction sector.

BAM Contractors NV is a Belgian construction company which carries out infrastructure and road works.

Viabuild NV is also a Belgian construction company carrying out infrastructure and road works.

BV Asphalt will house both the asphalt plant at Vinalmont and that at Grimbergen.

In his decision of 15 September 2020, the BCA finds that the conditions for the application of the simplified procedure are met and that the notified merger does not raise any objections.

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