

The Belgian Competition Authority approves the acquisition of the undertakings AB Mons SA, AB Mons Borinage SA and AB Immo SRL by the undertaking Etablissements D’Haene SRL

The Investigation and Prosecution Service of the Belgian Competition Authority (BCA) has approved on 16 September 2020 the acquisition of the undertakings AB Mons SA, AB Mons Borinage SA and AB Immo SRL by the undertaking Etablissements D’Haene SRL.

The merger was notified to the Belgian Competition Authority on 28 August 2020 and the application of the simplified procedure in merger cases was requested.

The merger concerns the sector of distribution of new and second hand cars (passenger and light commercial vehicles), after-sales maintenance and repair services, body shop services (collision repair) and the sale of automotive replacement parts and accessories.

Etablissements D’Haene SRL is a Belgian undertaking active, itself and through its subsidiaries, as official car dealer of the D’leteren Group for the Audi, Volkswagen, Skoda and Seat brands.

AB Mons SA is a Belgian undertaking active as official car dealer of the D’leteren Group for the Volkswagen and Skoda brands.

AB Mons Borinage SA is a Belgian undertaking active as official car dealer of the D’leteren Group for the Audi brand.

AB Immo SRL is a Belgian undertaking whose purpose is the management of real estate assets and the investment of liquid assets in securities and movable property.

In its decision of 16 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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