

The Belgian Competition Authority approves the acquisition of the I.D. Group's sanitary installations and HVAC business line by SAX SANITAIR

On 28 June 2022, the Belgian Competition Authority (BCA) approved the acquisition by SAX SANITAIR of I.D. Group's business related to the wholesale and retail sale of sanitary equipment and HVAC products.

The concentration was notified on 8 June 2022. The application of the simplified procedure was requested.

SAX SANITAIR NV is part of the BME Group BV ("BME"), a distributor of building materials that mainly focuses on small to medium-sized contractors and installers active in residential new build or renovation. In Belgium, BME is active on the one hand in the wholesale and retail trade of sanitary facilities, heating and ventilation, mainly in Flanders, and on the other hand in the trade of various building materials in the context of structural work (facing bricks, floor slabs, concrete blocks, sewerage pipes, etc.), mixed concrete and mortars, roofs and facades, insulation, tiles and finishing products exclusively in Flanders.

I.D. GROUP NV is part of the INDUSCABEL group, which is active in the distribution of products in the field of sanitary and heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration mainly in Wallonia. Besides these activities the group also has activities in the field of kitchens, built-in cupboards and real estate.

In its decision of 28 June 2022, the BCA finds that the conditions for the application of the simplified procedure are fulfilled and that the notified concentration does not give rise to any objections.

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