

The Belgian Competition Authority approves the creation of a joint venture by ABO Global Trading and Carmeuse

On 21 February 2025, the Belgian Competition Authority (BCA) approved the creation of a full-function joint venture active in the mineral additives sector by ABO Global Trading and Carmeuse

The concentration was notified on 11 February 2025 and the application of the simplified procedure was requested.

ABO Global Trading is a company specialized in the procurement and supply of by-products and waste streams, with a primary focus on materials from the iron and steel industry. These by-products include secondary and recycled aggregates for the production of concrete. ABO Global Trading's customers are steel mills, foundries, scrap dealers and other industrial stakeholders.

Carmeuse is a Belgian group active in the field of materials with core competences in mining, equipment, and technical solutions. Carmeuse mainly mines and processes limestone and dolomitic rock into lime and related products and is also active in the sale and distribution of these products. These products are used in a wide range of industries and applications. In particular, Carmeuse sells limestone filler as an additive for the production of concrete.

The joint venture will be active in the production and sale of mineral additives, which can be used as an alternative to cement or other mineral additives in the production of cement and concrete.

In its decision of 21 February 2025, the BCA found that the conditions for the application of the simplified procedure are met and that the notified concentration did not raise any objections.

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