

***Case No COMP/M.7524 -
LONE STAR / HANSON
BUILDING ENTITIES***

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**REGULATION (EC) No 139/2004
MERGER PROCEDURE**

Article 6(1)(b) NON-OPPOSITION
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SIMPLIFIED MERGER
PROCEDURE

To the notifying party

Dear Sirs,

**Subject: Case M.7524 - LONE STAR / HANSON BUILDING ENTITIES
Commission decision pursuant to Article 6(1)(b) of Council Regulation (EC)
No 139/2004¹ and Article 57 of the Agreement on the European Economic Area²**

1. On 5 February 2015, the European Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of the Merger Regulation by which Lone Star Funds belonging to the Lone Star Group acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of the whole of the undertakings Hanson Brick Ltd (Canada), Hanson Brick America, Inc. (U.S.), Hanson Pipe & Precast LLC (U.S.), Hanson Building Products Limited (UK) and Hanson Pipe & Precast, Ltd. (Canada) (altogether 'Hanson Building Entities') by way of purchase of shares and securities.³
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
 - for Lone Star Group: investment in financial and other investment assets and investments in financially oriented and other operating companies,
 - for Hanson Building Entities: manufacture and trading of facing, engineering and special bricks, concrete and lightweight blocks and other concrete products, block paving and urban drainage systems and structural insulated panels.

¹ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the "Merger Regulation"). With effect from 1 December 2009, the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union ("TFEU") has introduced certain changes, such as the replacement of "Community" by "Union" and "common market" by "internal market". The terminology of the TFEU will be used throughout this decision.

² OJ L 1, 3.1.1994, p. 3 ("the EEA Agreement").

³ Publication in the Official Journal of the European Union No C 51, 13.2.2015, p. 65.

3. After examination of the notification, the European Commission has concluded that the notified operation falls within the scope of the Merger Regulation and of paragraph 5(b) of the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004.⁴
4. For the reasons set out in the Notice on a simplified procedure, the European Commission has decided not to oppose the notified operation and to declare it compatible with the internal market and with the EEA Agreement. This decision is adopted in application of Article 6(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation and Article 57 of the EEA Agreement.

For the Commission

(signed)
Alexander ITALIANER
Director-General

⁴ OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.