

**Decision no. 2025-DCC-02 of 23 April 2025
on the acquisition of sole control of the companies Espace Surveillance and
Espace Formations by the Fontaine Group**

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Summary¹

Pursuant to this decision, the *Autorité de la concurrence de la Nouvelle-Calédonie* (hereinafter "the *Autorité*") unconditionally authorises the acquisition of sole control of the companies Espace Formations and Espace Surveillance by the Fontaine Group.

The Fontaine Group operates in four business areas: cleaning services, maintenance and landscaping of green spaces, security services, and related services. In New Caledonia, the Fontaine Group is active exclusively in the cleaning services sector. The target companies, Espace Surveillance and Espace Formations, are respectively active in the security services and security training sectors.

The notified transaction involves the acquisition by the Fontaine Group of 100% of the shares of Espace Surveillance and Espace Formations.

In this case, the transaction does not lead to any overlap between the activities of the Fontaine Group and those of the target companies. Any horizontal, vertical, or conglomerate effects that might result from the transaction could therefore be reasonably ruled out.

The *Autorité*'s competitive assessment also identified an ancillary restriction to the transaction in the form of a non-compete clause. Given the duration of this restriction, the clause does not constitute a restriction directly related and necessary to the implementation of the concentration.

As a result, the notified transaction is authorised without conditions. However, the non-compete clause agreed between the parties does not fall within the scope of this decision.

¹ This summary is strictly for information purposes. Only the numbered reasons of the decision are authentic.