Judgment of the Court of First Instance (Third Chamber) of 20 September 2007 — Fachvereinigung Mineralfaserindustrie v Commission

(Case T-254/05)

State Aid — Measures to promote the use of insulation material from renewable raw materials — Decision declaring aid compatible with the common market — Preliminary examination — Action for annulment — Professional association — Meaning of 'party concerned' in Article 88(2) EC — Pleas in law on validity of decision — Inadmissibility

- 1. Actions for annulment Natural or legal persons Measures of direct and individual concern to them Commission decision finding aid compatible with the common market without opening the formal investigation procedure (Arts 88(2) and (3) EC and 230, fourth para., EC) (see paras 30-36, 47)
- 2. Actions for annulment Pleas in law Interpretation by the court Limits (Art. 230 EC) (see para. 48)

Re:

ACTION for annulment of Commission Decision C(2005) 379 of 11 February 2005 relating to State Aid N 260b/2004 (Germany — Prolongation of the scheme to promote the use of insulation material from renewable raw materials).

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Operative part

The Court:

- 1. Dismisses the application as inadmissible;
- 2. Orders Fachvereinigung Mineralfaserindustrie eV Deutsche Gruppe der Eurima European Insulation Manufacturers Association to bear its own costs and to pay the costs of the Commission;
- 3. Orders the Federal Republic of Germany to bear its own costs.

Judgment of the Court of First Instance (Fifth Chamber) of 27 September 2007 — La Mer Technology v OHIM — Laboratoires Goëmar (LA MER)

(Case T-418/03)

Community trade mark — Opposition proceedings — Application for Community word mark LA MER — Earlier national word mark LABORATOIRE DE LA MER — Relative ground for refusal — Genuine use of the mark — Article 43(1) and (2) of Regulation (EC) No 40/94 — No likelihood of confusion — Article 8(1)(b) of Regulation No 40/94

Community trade mark — Definition and acquisition of the Community trade mark — Relative grounds for refusal — Opposition by the proprietor of an earlier identical or similar mark registered for identical or similar goods or services — Likelihood of confusion with the earlier mark (Council Regulation No 40/94, Art. 8(1)(b)) (see paras 114, 127, 129, 130)