Prior notification of a concentration

(Case COMP/M.2420 — Mitsui/CVRD/Caemi)

(2001/C 167/02)

(Text with EEA relevance)

1. On 31 May 2001 the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89 ([1]), as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1310/97 ([2]), by which the undertakings Mitsui & Co. Ltd (Mitsui), Japan, and Companhia Vale do Rio Doce (CVRD), Brazil, acquire, within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Regulation, joint control of the undertaking Caemi Mineração e Metalurgia SA (Caemi), Brazil, by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— Mitsui: worldwide trading in various commodities and other products, production and sale of iron ore,

— CVRD: production and sale of iron ore and other metals and minerals, related logistics businesses,

— Caemi: production and distribution of iron ore and other metals and minerals, related logistics services.

3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified concentration could fall within the scope of Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89. However, the final decision on this point is reserved.

4. The Commission invites interested third parties to submit their possible observations on the proposed operation.

Observations must reach the Commission not later than 10 days following the date of this publication. Observations can be sent by fax (No (32-2) 296 43 01 or 296 72 44) or by post, under reference COMP/M.2420 — Mitsui/CVRD/Caemi, , to:

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Directorate-General for Competition,
Directorate B — Merger Task Force,
Rue Joseph II/Jozef II-straat 70,
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([1]) OJ L 395, 30.12.1989, p. 1; corrigendum: OJ L 257, 21.9.1990, p. 13.

([2]) OJ L 180, 9.7.1997, p. 1; corrigendum: OJ L 40, 13.2.1998, p. 17.