

Prior notification of a concentration
(Case COMP/M.3808 — Mittal/Huta Stali Czestochowa)
Candidate case for simplified procedure

(2005/C 114/03)

(Text with EEA relevance)

1. On 2 May 2005, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾ by which the undertaking Mittal Steel Company N.V. ('Mittal Steel', Dutch Antilles) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation control of the whole of the undertaking Huta Stali Czestochowa Sp. z.o.o. and subsidiaries of Huta Czestochowa S.A. which are collectively referred as 'Czestochowa Group' (Poland), by way of purchase of shares.
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
 - for undertaking Mittal Steel: worldwide company active in the manufacture and sale of semi-finished and finished steel, production and sale of iron ore and coke and wire processing;
 - for undertaking Czestochowa Group: operator of steel mills in Poland, mainly active in the manufacture and sale of quarto plate.
3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified transaction could fall within the scope of Regulation (EC) No 139/2004. However, the final decision on this point is reserved. Pursuant to the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽²⁾ it should be noted that this case is a candidate for treatment under the procedure set out in the Notice.
4. The Commission invites interested third parties to submit their possible observations on the proposed operation to the Commission.

Observations must reach the Commission not later than 10 days following the date of this publication. Observations can be sent to the Commission by fax (No (32-2) 296 43 01 or 296 72 44) or by post, under reference number COMP/M.3808 — Mittal/Huta Stali Czestochowa, to the following address:

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⁽¹⁾ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 56, 5.3.2005, p. 32.