Prior notification of a concentration

(Case COMP/M.4749 — PSB/Ovako)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2007/C 190/09)

1. On 8 August 2007, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 and following a referral pursuant to Article 4(5) of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ([1]) by which the undertaking Pampus Stahlbeteiligungs GmbH ('PSB', Germany), belonging to the Pampus Industrie Beteiligungen GmbH & Co. KG ('PIB', Germany) group, acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation sole control of the whole of the undertaking Ovako Holding B.V. ('Ovako', Sweden), currently jointly controlled by PSB, Hombergh Holdings B.V. ('Hombergh', The Netherlands) and W.P. de Pundert Ventures B.V. ('de Pundert', The Netherlands), by the conclusion of a new shareholders' agreement.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for PSB: belongs to the PIB group with holdings in several companies active in the steel sector,

— for Ovako: producer of long special steels and processed steel products for the automotive and engineering industry.

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 ((32-2) 296 43 01 or 296 72 44) or by post, under reference number COMP/M.4749 — PSB/Ovako, 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.