Prior notification of a concentration

(Case COMP/M.6537 — Faurecia/Plastal)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2012/C 189/05)

1. On 18 June 2012, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ([1]) by which Faurecia Investments SAS (France), a subsidiary of Faurecia SA ('Faurecia', France) controlled by PSA Peugeot Citroën SA (France) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of the whole of Plastal SAS ('Plastal', France) by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for Faurecia: engineering, production and supply of automotive equipment, in particular of vehicle seating, interior systems, exterior systems and exhaust systems,

— for Plastal: engineering, production and supply of thermoplastic engineered plastic components for the automotive industry, in particular bumpers and other exterior parts.

3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified transaction could fall within the scope the EC Merger Regulation. 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 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 22964301), by e-mail to COMP-MERGER-REGISTRY@ec.europa.eu or by post, under reference number COMP/M.6537 — Faurecia/Plastal, to the following address:

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([1]) OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the 'EC Merger Regulation').