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PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case COMP/M.6581 — GKN/Volvo Aero)

(Text with EEA relevance)

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1. On 27 July 2012 the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ([1]) by which GKN Holdings plc (the United Kingdom), controlled by GKN plc ('GKN', the United Kingdom) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of the whole of Volvo Aero AB (Sweden) and Volvo Aero Connecticut LLC (the United States) by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for GKN: the engineering and metallurgy of components and systems incorporated into vehicles and aircraft,

— for Volvo Aero and Volvo Aero Connecticut LLC: the production of aerospace engine components for commercial and military aircraft engines and gas turbine components for independent power generation, a complete engine for military aircraft and sub-systems for the space industry.

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.6581 — GKN/Volvo Aero, to the following address:

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