Prior notification of a concentration

(Case COMP/M.6646 — Alstom Transport SA/FSI/Translohr)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2012/C 255/11)

1. On 17 August 2012, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ([1]) by which Alstom Transport SA ('Alstom Transport', France) and the Fonds Stratégique d'Investissement ('FSI', France), controlled by the group Caisse des Dépôts (France) acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation joint control of the Translohr activities of the Lohr group (France) by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— Alstom Transport: developing and marketing systems, equipment and services for the railway sector, in particular rolling stock, signalling and infrastructure,

— FSI: Acquiring medium- to long-term shareholdings in undertakings by promoting co-investment,

— Translohr: construction and marketing of rubber-tyred tramways.

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.6646 — Alstom Transport SA/FSI/Translohr, to the following address:

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