Prior notification of a concentration

(Case COMP/M.6662 — Andritz IV/Schuler)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2012/C 278/04)

1. On 10 September 2012 the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 [1] by which Andritz Beteiligungsgesellschaft IV GmbH (Germany), belonging to the Andritz Group (Austria), acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of the whole of Schuler AG (Germany) by way of purchase of shares, and by public bid announced on 2 July 2012.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— The Andritz Group is a global manufacturer and supplier of plant, equipment, and services for hydro-electric power stations, the pulp and paper industry, industrial solid-liquid separation, the steel and metal industry, and for the production of animal feed and biomass pellets,

— Schuler AG is a global operator in the metal processing sector, and supplies plants, tools and operational expertise for the metalworking industry. It is also active in the minting technology sector, and sells system solutions for the aeronautical, space and railway industries.

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.6662 — Andritz IV/Schuler, to the following address:

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