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PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case COMP/M.6746 — Mitsui/Severstal/Severstal-SSC-Vsevolozhsk JV)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2013/C 8/05)

1. On 3 January 2013 the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ([1]) by which undertakings Mitsui&Co. Ltd ('Mitsui', Japan) and OAO Severstal ('Severstal', Russia), belonging to MAA Group (Russia) acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation joint control of Severstal-SSC-Vsevolozhsk by way of purchase of shares in a newly created company constituting a joint venture.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for Mitsui: sale, distribution, purchase, marketing and supply of iron, steel, non-ferrous metals, electronics and chemicals, as well as the sale of motor vehicles, motorcycles and the like,

— for Severstal: production and marketing of steel products and steel related mining businesses,

— for Severstal-SSC-Vsevolozhsk: manufacturing, storing and distribution of various processed steel products mainly for the automotive manufactures.

3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified transaction could fall within the scope of the EC Merger Regulation. However, the final decision on this point is reserved. Pursuant to the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under the EC Merger Regulation ([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 22964301), by email to COMP-MERGER-REGISTRY@ec.europa.eu or by post, under reference number COMP/M.6746 — Mitsui/Severstal/Severstal-SSC-Vsevolozhsk JV, to the following address:

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([1]) OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the 'EC Merger Regulation').
([2]) OJ C 56, 5.3.2005, p. 32 ('Notice on a simplified procedure').