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*(Announcements)*PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION
POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration**(Case M.7357 — Metal One/Mitsui & Co. Steel/Metal One Mitsui Bussan Resource & Structural Steel Corporation)****Candidate case for simplified procedure****(Text with EEA relevance)**

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1. On 18 August 2014, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾ by which Metal One, a company controlled by the Mitsubishi Corporation ('MC Group'), and Mitsui & Co. Steel Ltd ('MBS'), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Mitsui & Co. Ltd ('Mitsui Group'), create and acquire within the meaning of Article 3(4) of the Merger Regulation joint control over the joint venture Metal One Mitsui Bussan Resource & Structural Steel Corporation ('MOMBR & SSC'). MOMBR & SSC will integrate five wholly-owned subsidiaries of Metal One and two of MBS.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for MC Group: various industrial and related activities, including Metal One that is active in steel trading,
- for Mitsui Group: various product sales, logistics and financing as well as infrastructure and other project development, including MBS that is active in trading of steel and iron, handling raw materials for the manufacture of steel and a range of steel products, and
- for MOMBR & SSC: distribution of steel for construction use and the trade of steel waste and scrap in Japan.

3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified transaction could fall within the scope of the 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 Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽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 e-mail to COMP-MERGER-REGISTRY@ec.europa.eu or by post, under reference number M.7357 — Metal One/Mitsui & Co. Steel/Metal One Mitsui Bussan Resource & Structural Steel Corporation, to the following address:

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

⁽²⁾ OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.