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## EUROPEAN COMMISSION

**Prior notification of a concentration****(Case M.7712 — KSPG/HASCO/COSMO JV)****Candidate case for simplified procedure****(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2015/C 297/03)

1. On 2 September 2015, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 <sup>(1)</sup> by which KSPG AG, ('KSPG', Germany), ultimately controlled by Rheinmetall AG ('Rheinmetall', Germany), and HUAYU Automotive Systems Co., Ltd, ('HASCO', People's Republic of China), ultimately controlled by Shanghai Automotive Industry Corporation (Group) ('SAIC Group', People's Republic of China), acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation joint control of the Chinese automotive casting activities of HASCO by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- For KSPG: global first-tier supplier to the automotive industry with a special focus on the product and component segments air supply, emission control and pumps, pistons, engine blocks and plain bearings;
- For Rheinmetall: active in the industry sectors for automotive components and defence equipment;
- For SAIC Group: an automotive holding company whose controlled operations cover the entire automotive industry value chain including the development, manufacturing, sales and logistics of vehicles (passenger cars and commercial cars) and components (engines, gearboxes, powertrains, chassis, interior and exterior and electronic components). Additionally, SAIC Group offers vehicles related trade and finance services.

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 the Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 <sup>(2)</sup> 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 M.7712 — KSPG/HASCO/COSMO JV to the following address:

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the 'Merger Regulation').

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.