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PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION
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EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration**(Case M.7980 — Sumitomo/Cosan/Biomassa)****Candidate case for simplified procedure****(Text with EEA relevance)**

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1. On 23 March 2016, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾ by which the undertakings Sumitomo Corporation ('Sumitomo', Japan) and Cosan SA Indústria e Comércio ('Cosan', Brazil) acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) and Article 3(4) of the Merger Regulation joint control of the undertaking Biomassa SA. ('Biomassa', Brazil) by way of purchase of shares.
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
 - for Sumitomo: trading of metal products, transportation and construction of systems, environment and infrastructure, chemicals and electronics, media, networks and lifestyle related goods, mineral resources and energy,
 - for Cosan: manufacturing and trading of sugar and ethanol, the co-generation of electricity from sugarcane bagasse, logistics services (including transportation, port terminal loading and storage), the production and distribution of lubricants, fuel distribution, piped natural gas distribution to part of the State of Sao Paulo, and agricultural real property holdings in Brazil,
 - for Biomassa: production and commercialization of sugarcane pellets made from sugarcane bagasse and straw.
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 this 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 M.7980 — Sumitomo/Cosan/Biomassa, 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.