

PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.8227 — Rheinmetall/Zhejan Yinlun Machinery/JV)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2016/C 466/12)

1. On 5 December 2016 the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 and following a referral pursuant to Article 4(5) of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾ by which the undertakings Rheinmetall AG ('Rheinmetall', Germany) and Zhejan Yinlun Machinery Co., Ltd ('Yinlun', China), acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation joint control of the whole of the undertaking Pierburg Yinlun Emission Technology Co., Ltd ('the JV', China) by way of purchase of shares in a newly created company constituting a joint venture.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- Rheinmetall is active in the manufacturing and supply of defence equipment and automotive components such as exhaust gas recirculation ('EGR') valves and modules,
- Yinlun is active in the manufacturing and supply of automotive components such as EGR coolers primarily in China,
- the JV will be active in the design, production and sale of EGR modules for diesel engines in passenger and light commercial vehicles to Original Equipment Manufacturers and Suppliers in Greater China.

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.8227 — Rheinmetall/Zhejan Yinlun Machinery/JV, 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.