PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.8766 — LKQ/Stahlgruber)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2018/C 103/08)

1.   On 9 March 2018, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ([1]).

This notification concerns the following undertakings:

— LKQ Corporation ('LKQ', United States),

— Stahlgruber GmbH ('Stahlgruber', Germany), controlled by Stahlgruber Otto Gruber AG.

LKQ acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of the whole of Stahlgruber.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2.   The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for LKQ: the manufacturing and supply of automotive spare parts, and the wholesale distribution of automotive spare parts in the EEA. LKQ has also some activities in retail of automotive spare parts and related equipment.

— for Stahlgruber: the manufacturing and supply of automotive spare parts, and the wholesale distribution of automotive spare parts in the EEA.

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.

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. The following reference should always be specified:

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