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EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration**(Case M.9228 — Denso/AISIN/JV)****Candidate case for simplified procedure****(Text with EEA relevance)**

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1. On 20 December 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:

- Denso Corporation ('Denso', Japan),
- Aisin Seiki Co. Ltd ('Aisin', Japan).

Denso and Aisin acquire, within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) and 3(4) of the Merger Regulation, joint control over a newly-created joint venture ('JV').

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares in a newly created company constituting a joint venture.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- Denso is a Japanese manufacturer and supplier of advanced automotive parts and components for automobile manufacturers, non-automotive consumer products and industrial products;
- Aisin is a Japanese manufacturer and supplier of components and systems for the automotive industry;

The JV will be active in the research and development, design and sale of integrated powertrains for electric and hybrid vehicles.

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 ⁽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. The following reference should always be specified:

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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.

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