Prior notification of a concentration
(Case COMP/M.4079 — Mitsui/Evraz/Deniskovskaya Coal Mine JV)
Candidate case for simplified procedure
(2006/C 37/07)

(Text with EEA relevance)

1. On 8 February 2006, 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 Mitsui & Co (Mitsui’, Japan) and Evraz Group S.A. (Evraz’, Luxembourg) acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation control of the whole of the undertaking Coke Oven Overseas Contribution Limited (the ‘Company’, Cyprus) holding company for a new coal mining project in the Deniskovskaya coal field by way of purchase of shares in a newly created company constituting a joint venture.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
— for Mitsui: trading company, active inter alia in the steel and iron sector, non-ferrous metals, electronics and chemicals;
— for Evraz: active in the steel sector, in the mining of iron ore and coking coal;
— for the Company: holding company for a new coking coal mining project which will exploit the Deniskovskaya coal field in Yakutia, East Siberia.

3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified transaction could fall within the scope of Regulation (EC) No 139/2004. 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 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 (No (32-2) 296 43 01 or 296 72 44) or by post, under reference number COMP/M.4079 — Mitsui/Evraz/Deniskovskaya Coal Mine JV to the following address:

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(2) OJ C 56, 5.3.2005 p. 32.