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EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration**(Case M.8191 — ArcelorMittal/CLN/JV)****Candidate case for simplified procedure****(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2016/C 405/06)

1. On 27 October 2016, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾ by which the undertakings Arcelor Mittal Distribution Solution Italia Srl ('AMDS Italia', Italy), belonging to ArcelorMittal Group ('ArcelorMittal', France), and CLN — Coils Lamiere Nastri SpA ('CLN', Italy) acquire, through their joint venture ArcelorMittal CLN Distribuzione Italia Srl ('AMCLN', Italy), within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation joint control of the whole of Acierplus s.a.s ('Acierplus', France), by way of purchase of shares. Prior to the transaction, Acierplus is wholly-owned by ArcelorMittal.
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
 - for ArcelorMittal: mining, manufacturing and distribution of various steel products at global level,
 - for CLN: distribution of steel and production of components for cars and commercial vehicles,
 - for Acierplus: steel distribution through oxycutting centres.
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 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.8191 — ArcelorMittal/CLN/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.