

Prior notification of a concentration
(Case M.9521— Bamesa/Sumitomo/Steel Centre Europe)
Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

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1. On 3 December 2019, 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:

- Bamesa Aceros S.L. ('Bamesa', Spain), controlled by ARMASFI S.L.,
- Sumitomo Corporation ('Sumitomo', Japan),
- Steel Centre Europe s.r.o. ('SCE', Czech Republic).

Bamesa and Sumitomo acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation joint control of the whole of SCE. Prior to the transaction, Sumitomo was already a shareholder in SCE.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for Bamesa: distribution of steel through steel service centres,
- for Sumitomo: trading of metal products, transportation and construction systems, environment and infrastructure, chemicals and electronics, media, networks and lifestyle related goods, mineral resources, energy and life sciences,
- for SCE: distribution of steel through steel service centres, mainly in the Czech Republic.

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.