Prior notification of a concentration

(Case COMP/M.1885 — Babcock Borsig/VA Technologie/Pipe-Tec)

(2000/C 67/07)

(Text with EEA relevance)

1. On 29 February 2000 the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89 ([1]), as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1310/97 ([2]), by which Babcock Borsig Aktiengesellschaft (Babcock), controlled by Preussag AG, and VA Technologie AG (VA Tech), acquire, within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Regulation, joint control of Pipe-Tec GmbH & Co. KG by way of purchase of shares in a newly created company constituting a joint venture.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— Babcock: various engineering activities amongst which pipeline construction,

— VA Tech: various engineering activities amongst which pipeline construction.

3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified concentration could fall within the scope of Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89. 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.

Observations must reach the Commission not later than 10 days following the date of this publication. Observations can be sent by fax (No (32-2) 296 43 01 or 296 72 44) or by post, under reference COMP/M.1885 — Babcock Borsig/VA Technologie/Pipe-Tec, to:

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Directorate-General for Competition,
Directorate B — Merger Task Force,
Avenue de Cortenberg/Kortenberglaan 150,
B-1040 Brussels.

([1]) OJ L 395, 30.12.1989, p. 1; corrigendum: OJ L 257, 21.9.1990, p. 13.

([2]) OJ L 180, 9.7.1997, p. 1; corrigendum: OJ L 40, 13.2.1998, p. 17.