

Prior notification of a concentration**(Case COMP/M.3152 — ThyssenKrupp/Mercedes Lenkungen)****Candidate case for simplified procedure**

(2003/C 250/05)

(Text with EEA relevance)

1. On 9 October 2003 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 the undertaking ThyssenKrupp AG ('TK'; Germany) through its affiliate ThyssenKrupp Automotive AG ('TKA'; Germany) acquires, within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Regulation, control of the whole of the undertaking Mercedes-Benz Lenkungen ('MBL'; Germany) by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- TK: leads a group of companies mainly active in the production of steel, machinery and components for the automotive industry,
- TKA: automotive components and spare parts,
- MBL: production and sale of steering gears and steering columns for motor vehicles.

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. Pursuant to the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89 ⁽³⁾, 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.

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.3152 — ThyssenKrupp/Mercedes Lenkungen, to:

European Commission,
Directorate-General for Competition,
Merger Registry,
J-70,
B-1049 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.

⁽³⁾ OJ C 217, 29.7.2000, p. 32.