

**Prior notification of a concentration****(Case COMP/M. 3852 — Hyundai Motor Company/Hyundai Car UK Ltd)****Candidate case for simplified procedure**

(2005/C 141/06)

**(Text with EEA relevance)**

1. On 3 June 2005, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 <sup>(1)</sup> by which the undertaking Hyundai Motor Company ('HMC', South Korea) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation control of the whole of the UK based undertakings Hyundai Car (UK) Limited ('HCUK'), Hyundai Car Sales Limited ('HCS') and MSS Automotive Services Limited ('MSS') (together 'the Target'), by way of purchase of assets.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for HMC: manufacturer of motor vehicles world wide,

— for the Target: wholesale distribution of passenger cars and related spare parts in the UK.

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 <sup>(2)</sup> 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. 3852 — Hyundai Motor Company/Hyundai Car UK Ltd, to the following address:

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ C 56, 5.3.2005, p. 32.