

## PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMPETITION POLICY

### COMMISSION

#### **Prior notification of a concentration**

**(Case COMP/M.4524 — Nematik/Hydro Castings)**

**(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2007/C 23/05)

1. On 23 January 2007, 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 Tenedora Nematik, S.A. de C.V. ('Nematik', Mexico) controlled by Alfa S.A.B. de C.V. (Mexico) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation sole control over the European casting operation Norsk Hydro ASA (Norway) by purchase of shares of four companies: the Aluminium Alucast GmbH (Germany), the Hydro Aluminium Mandl & Berger GmbH (Austria), the Hydro Aluminium Győr Alumíniumöntöde Kft., (Hungary) and the Hydro Aluminium Fundo AS (Sweden) (together referred to as 'Hydro Castings').

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for Nematik: manufacturing of castings for the automotive industry with a focus on cylinder heads and engine blocks;
- for Hydro Castings: manufacturing of castings for the automotive industry with a focus on cylinder heads and engine blocks.

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.

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 ((32-2) 296 43 01 or 296 72 44) or by post, under reference number COMP/M.4524 — Nematik/Hydro Castings, to the following address:

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(1) OJL 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1.