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Prior notification of a concentration

(Case COMP/M.4905 — WL Ross/C&A Automotive Interior Businesses II)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2007/C 206/12)

1. On 29 August 2007, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 (¹) by which WL Ross (USA) via International Automotive Components North America Mexico, S de R.L. de C.V., International Automotive Components North America, International Automotive Components Group Brazil and via International Automotive Components Group LLC (together 'IAC') acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation control of certain assets of C&A Corporation ('C&A Automotive Interior Businesses').

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

 for WL Ross: private equity found which through IAC produces and supplies certain automotive interior parts,

 for C&A Automotive Interior Businesses: manufacture and supply of cockpit modules, instrument panels, interior trim and flooring and acoustic systems.

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 (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. 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.4905 — WL Ross/C&A Automotive Interior Businesses II, to the following address:

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 ^{(&}lt;sup>1</sup>) OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1.
(²) OJ C 56, 5.3.2005, p. 32.