

PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION
POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case COMP/M.5930 — JCI/Michel Thierry Group)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2010/C 287/07)

1. On 15 October 2010, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 and following a referral pursuant to Article 4(5) of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾ by which the undertaking Johnson Controls, Inc. ('JCI, USA) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of Michel Thierry Group SA ('Michel Thierry Group', France) by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- JCI: automotive systems, facility management and control systems and services. The automotive business of JCI includes seating and interior systems for light vehicles as well as batteries and energy storage systems,
- Michel Thierry Group: automotive textiles and leather used in car seats and other interior parts such as door panels.

3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified transaction could fall within the scope the EC Merger Regulation. 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 22964301), by e-mail to COMP-MERGER-REGISTRY@ec.europa.eu or by post, under reference number COMP/M.5930 — JCI/Michel Thierry Group, to the following address:

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⁽¹⁾ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the 'EC Merger Regulation').