

Prior notification of a concentration
(Case M.10658 – NORSK HYDRO / ALUMETAL)
Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

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1. On 13 May 2022, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾.

This notification concerns the following undertakings:

- Norsk Hydro ASA ('Hydro', Norway),
- Alumetal S.A. ('Alumetal', Poland).

Hydro will acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of the whole of Alumetal.

The concentration is accomplished by way of a public bid.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are the following:

- Hydro is a fully integrated aluminium company, and has activities throughout the aluminium value chain from bauxite, alumina and energy generation to the production of primary aluminium, aluminium extruded products and aluminium recycling. In particular, Hydro produces foundry alloys based mainly on primary aluminium.
- Alumetal is mainly a producer of aluminium foundry alloys produced mainly from secondary aluminium. Alumetal also produces master alloys, which it uses internally but also sells to third party customers, including Hydro.

3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified transaction could fall within the scope of the Merger Regulation. 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. The following reference should always be specified:

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

⁽²⁾ OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.