

Prior notification of a concentration**(Case COMP/M.3433 — Hella/Behr/Plastic Omnium/JV)**

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(Text with EEA relevance)

1. On 7 April 2004 the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89 ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1310/97 ⁽²⁾, by which Hella KG Hueck & Co. ('Hella', Germany), Behr GmbH & Co. ('Behr', Germany) and Plastic Omnium Auto Extérieurs SAS ('Plastic Omnium', France), acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Regulation, joint control of Hella Behr Beteiligungsgesellschaft GmbH ('JV', Germany) by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- Hella: lighting and electronic equipment for the automotive industry,
- Behr: engine cooling and other components for the automotive industry,
- Plastic Omnium: body parts for the automotive industry,
- JV: front-end modules for the automotive industry.

3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified concentration could fall within the scope of Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89. 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.

Observations must reach the Commission not later than 10 days following the date of this publication. Observations can be sent by fax (No (32-2) 296 43 01 or 296 72 44) or by post, under reference COMP/M.3433 — Hella/Behr/Plastic Omnium/JV, to:

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Directorate-General for Competition,
Merger Registry,
J-70,
B-1049 Brussels.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 395, 30.12.1989, p. 1; corrigendum: OJ L 257, 21.9.1990, p. 13.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 180, 9.7.1997, p. 1; corrigendum: OJ L 40, 13.2.1998, p. 17.