

joint range and of the MAN range of commercial vehicles. As a rule these importers carry the name of 'VW-MAN Truck and Bus' or an equivalent in the language of the country concerned. VW has a shareholding of 5 to 13 % in these import companies. The remaining shares are held by MAN and other persons and companies, including VW and MAN importers.

11. The parties undertake for the duration of the agreement not to compete in any way, directly or indirectly, against vehicles in the joint range with lorries of six to nine tonnes maximum gross weight.
12. An arbitration clause covers disputes arising out of the agreements; the clause foresees the possibility of having recourse to the ordinary legal means. The cooperation agreement is

concluded for an indefinite period, and may be terminated by giving 36 months notice at the end of any calendar year, but not before 31 December 1987.

13. The Commission intends to take a favourable decision on the agreement in its amended version, a summary of which is published here. Before doing so it invites all interested third parties to submit their observations within one month from the date of this notice, quoting reference No IV/29.329, to:

Commission of the European Communities,
Directorate-General for Competition,
Directorate for Restrictive Practices, Abuse of
Dominant Positions,
Rue de la Loi 200,
B-1049 Brussels.

Communication from the Commission of the European Communities to companies in the ECSC

(Article 48 of the ECSC Treaty)

In the letter to the chairman of the Consultative Committee of the ECSC, the Commission asked the Committee to undertake the consultation laid down in Article 55 (2) (c) of the Treaty concerning the desirability of allocating the following sums from the levies laid down in Article 50 of the Treaty for financial aid aimed at facilitating the following technical research projects.

Under Article 48 of the Treaty, associations of companies in the ECSC are entitled to submit to the Commission the observations made by their members concerning the undermentioned subjects of consultation.

Any observations should be received by the Commission not later than 10 January 1983.

	<i>(ECU)</i>
1. Metallurgical aspects of powdered coal injection in the blast furnace	477 000
2. Blast furnace coal injection	267 000
3. Computer control of a universal beam mill	201 600
4. Zeeman effect on background correction during atomic and absorption spectrometry analysis	81 300
5. System for inspection and reconditioning of steel products	298 800
6. Analysis of elements in very small concentrations by coupled furnace and plasma torch spectrometry	124 500
7. On-line thickness profile measurement on hot wide strip	450 600

8. Optical inspection of the surface of hot continuously cast semis	316 200
9. Integrated system of chemical analysis to monitor the continuous casting of aluminium-killed steel	184 500
10. Present prospects for the development of constructional steels and their treatment	225 900
11. Use of steel in the motor industry with the necessary characteristics for finite life design criteria	293 400
