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Prior notification of a concentration**(Case M.9448 — Hitachi/Chassis Brakes International)****Candidate case for simplified procedure****(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2019/C 241/09)

1. On 10 July 2019, 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:

- Hitachi Automotive Systems, Ltd. ('HIAMS', Japan), wholly owned by Hitachi Ltd. ('Hitachi', Japan),
- Chassis Brakes International B.V. ('CBI', The Netherlands), primarily owned by certain investment funds managed by KPS (USA).

HIAMS acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of the whole of CBI.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- HIAMS: the production and supply of automotive products and technologies, including brake components for passenger and light commercial vehicles. HIAMS has operations in Japan, the U.S., Mexico, Germany, France, the Czech Republic, the UK, China, Thailand, Singapore, Indonesia, India and Korea,
- CBI: the production and supply of brake components for passenger and light commercial vehicles. CBI is headquartered in the Netherlands, and has operations in the EU, Turkey, China, Thailand, Japan, South Africa, North America, Latin America and India.

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 the 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:

M.9448 — Hitachi/Chassis Brakes International

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

⁽²⁾ OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.

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