Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.10777 – PLASTIC OMNIUM / VARROC (LIGHTING DIVISION))

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

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1. On 6 July 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:

— Compagnie Plastic Omnium SE ('Plastic Omnium', France), controlled by Burelle SA (France),

— The lighting system division of Varroc Lighting Systems GmbH ('Varroc Lighting Systems', Germany).

Plastic Omnium will acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of Varroc Lighting Systems.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of securities.

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

— Plastic Omnium develops, manufactures and supplies automotive components and modules (bumpers, hatchbacks/tailgates and spoilers, fuel storage and delivery systems, fuel cell stacks, hydrogen vessels and integrated hydrogen systems), mainly for light vehicles,

— Varroc Lighting Systems develops, manufactures and supplies automotive exterior lighting systems for light vehicles.

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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Observations can be sent to the Commission by email, by fax, or by post. Please use the contact details below:

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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.