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PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.8552 — Axalta Coating Systems / IVA)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2018/C 141/02)

1. On 16 April 2018, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 and following a referral pursuant to Article 4(5) of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 [1].

This notification concerns the following undertakings:

— Axalta Coating Systems Ltd.('Axalta', US);

— Essex Group Holding Europe S.à.r.l. ('IVA Europe') and IVA Electrical Insulation Materials (Changzhou) Co., Ltd ('IVA China'), together 'IVA',

Axalta acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of the whole of IVA.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— Axalta is a global coatings company also active in the manufacturing of wire enamels;

— IVA is active in the manufacture and sale of wire enamels.

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.

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').