Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.8482 — ABB/B&R)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2017/C 187/20)

1. On 6 June 2017 the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ([1]) by which the undertaking ABB Ltd which is the ultimate parent company of the ABB group of companies (Switzerland) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of the whole of the undertaking Bernecker + Rainer Industrie-Elektronik Gesellschaft m.b.H. (Austria) by way of a purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for ABB Ltd: the business is comprised of four divisions: electrification products, robotics and motion, industrial automation and power grids, serving customers in utilities, industry and transport & infrastructure globally,

— for Bernecker + Rainer Industrie-Elektronik Gesellschaft m.b.H.: provider of solutions for machine and factory automation, with a particular focus on motion-control products.

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 this 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. Observations can be sent to the Commission by fax (+32 22964301), by email to COMP-MERGER-REGISTRY@ec.europa.eu or by post, under reference M.8482 — ABB/B&R to the following address:

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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.