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PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.8900 — Wieland/Aurubis rolled products/Schwermetall)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2018/C 216/05)

1. On 13 June 2018, 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:

— Wieland Werke AG ('Wieland', Germany),

— Aurubis Flat Rolled Products business ('ARP', Germany), controlled by Aurubis AG (Germany),

— Schwermetall Halbzeugwerk GmbH & Co. KG ('Schwermetall', Germany), a 50/50 joint venture between Wieland and Aurubis AG.

Wieland acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of the whole of ARP and of the whole of Schwermetall.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares and assets.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for Wieland: manufacturing and supply of semi-finished products made of copper and copper alloys,

— for ARP: manufacturing and supply of semi-finished copper and copper alloy products,

— for Schwermetall: production of pre-rolled copper and copper alloy strips.

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').

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