Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.9409 — Aurubis/Metallo Group Holding)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2019/C 304/04)

1. On 30 August 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:

— Aurubis AG ('Aurubis', Germany),

— Metallo Group Holding NV ('Metallo', Belgium).

Aurubis AG acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of the whole Metallo Group Holding NV.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for undertaking Aurubis: is a provider of non-ferrous metals. In particular, Aurubis processes copper concentrates and copper scrap; produces copper cathodes and by-products of the copper refining process, as well as supplies copper shapes and semi-finished copper and copper alloys products such as flat rolled, bars, rods and wires,

— for undertaking Metallo: active in recycling, processesing and trading of non-ferrous metals. In particular, Metallo refines copper scrap to produce copper cathodes and by-products of the refining process.

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').