**Prior notification of a concentration**

**(Case M.8577 — Norsk Hydro/Sapa)**

**Candidate case for simplified procedure**

**(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2017/C 247/06)

1. On 24 July 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 Norsk Hydro ASA (Norway) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of the whole of the undertaking Sapa AS (Norway) by way of a purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for undertaking Norsk Hydro: a global supplier of aluminium with activities throughout the value chain, including the production and sale of primary aluminium, soft-alloy extrusions, building systems and flat-rolled products,

— for undertaking Sapa: a worldwide producer of aluminium products with three core activities: (i) soft alloy aluminium extrusions; (ii) building systems; and (iii) precision welded tubing. Sapa is a joint-venture currently jointly controlled by Norsk Hydro and Orkla ASA.

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 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.8577 — Norsk Hydro/Sapa, 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.