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Marcegaglia Carbon Steel S.p.A.
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Italy

Subject: **Case M.11081 – MARCEGAGLIA CARBON STEEL / SIA SEVERSTAL DISTRIBUTION**
Commission decision pursuant to Article 6(1)(b) of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004[1] and Article 57 of the Agreement on the European Economic Area[2]

Dear Sir or Madam,

1. On 10 March 2023, the European Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of the Merger Regulation by which the undertaking Marcegaglia Carbon Steel S.p.A. ('Marcegaglia', Italy), ultimately controlled by the Marcegaglia Group, intends to acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control over the undertaking SIA Severstal Distribution ('SSD', Latvia), together with its two subsidiaries Severstal Distribution Spzoo (Poland) and Severstal Distribution OOO (Ukraine), ultimately controlled by Mr Alexey Alexandrovich Mordashov through the Russian entity Severgroup, by way of purchase of shares.[3]

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are the following:

   – Marcegaglia is a family-owned Italian industrial group active in the steel sector, with a focus on trading and processing of steel. It mainly produces carbon steel products, but also, to a smaller extent, stainless steel flat and long products,

   – SSD is a Latvian supplier of imported steel products, active in the treatment and coating of metals and wholesales of metals and metal ores. The sole shareholder of SIA Severstal Distribution is PAO Severstal, a Russian company which is a vertically integrated steel and steel-related mining company with major assets in Russia and investments in other regions.

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1 OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the 'Merger Regulation'). With effect from 1 December 2009, the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union ('TFEU') has introduced certain changes, such as the replacement of 'Community' by 'Union' and 'common market' by 'internal market'. The terminology of the TFEU will be used throughout this decision.

2 OJ L 1, 3.1.1994, p. 3 (the 'EEA Agreement').

3 Publication in the Official Journal of the European Union No C 106, 22.3.2023, p. 7.

3. After examination of the notification, the European Commission has concluded that the notified operation falls within the scope of the Merger Regulation and of paragraph 5 (c) of the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004.[4]

4. For the reasons set out in the Notice on a simplified procedure, the European Commission has decided not to oppose the notified operation and to declare it compatible with the internal market and with the EEA Agreement. This decision is adopted in application of Article 6(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation and Article 57 of the EEA Agreement.

5. The present decision is taken without prejudice to the application of EU restrictive measures, including targeted financial sanctions applicable to certain Russian individuals and entities, and the assessment thereof that may be made by the competent national authorities of the Member States.

For the Commission

(Signed)
Olivier GUERSENT
Director-General

4 OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.