Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.8449 — Peugeot/Opel)

(Text with EEA relevance)

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1. On 30 May 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 Peugeot S.A. ('PSA' of France) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control over the European automotive business of General Motors under the brand names Opel/Vauxhall ('Opel') by way of purchase of shares and assets.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— PSA is active worldwide in manufacturing and supplying passenger cars, light commercial vehicles and automotive components for motor vehicles.

— Opel manufactures and supplies cars, trucks, crossovers and automobile parts.

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. 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.8449 — Peugeot/Opel, to the following address:

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[1] OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the 'Merger Regulation').