Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.8903 — BHAP/Gestamp China/Manufacturing JV/Sales JV)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

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1. On 18 May 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:

— Beijing Hainachuan Automotive Parts Co., Ltd ('BHAP') (China), ultimately controlled by Beijing Automotive Group Co., Ltd ('BAIC Group') (China),

— Gestamp (China) Holding Co., Ltd ('Gestamp China'), ultimately controlled by Acek Desarrollo y Gestión Industrial, S.L. ('ACEK Group') (Spain),

— Gestamp Auto Components Co., Ltd (the 'Manufacturing JV') (China),

— Gestamp Auto Components Sales Co., Ltd (the 'Sales JV') (China).

BHAP and Gestamp China acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) and 3(4) of the Merger Regulation joint control of Manufacturing JV and Sales JV.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares in a newly created company constituting a joint venture.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned:

— BHAP is a manufacturer of products such as automobile seats, interior and exterior of automobiles, automobile powertrain systems, automobile chassis systems, automobile body systems, automotive electronics and other series. BHAP is also a supplier of automotive components in China.

— Gestamp China is a manufacturer and seller of automotive components, including flat steel components and mechanisms, and assemblies.

— The Manufacturing JV will manufacture flat steel automotive components including auto lightweight body parts, chassis, and other auto components in China.

— The Sales JV will sell the automotive components and provide after-sales services, technical services, and consultation services to the automotive industry in China.

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 the 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 the 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. The following reference should always be specified:

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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.

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