Non-opposition to a notified concentration

(Case No IV/M.1133 — BASS plc/Saison Holdings BV)

(98/C 156/09)

(Text with EEA relevance)

On 23 March 1998, the Commission decided not to oppose the above notified concentration and to declare it compatible with the common market. This decision is based on Article 6(1)(b) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89. The full text of the decision is only available in English and will be made public after it is cleared of any business secrets it may contain. It will be available:

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C 13/98 (ex N 749/97)

Spain

(98/C 156/10)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(Articles 92 to 94 of the Treaty establishing the European Community)

Commission notice pursuant to Article 93(2) of the EC Treaty to other Member States and interested parties concerning aid to be granted by Spain to the company Tubos Europa SA, a new steel tubes producer in the region of Extremadura, Spain

In the letter reproduced below, the Commission informed the Spanish Government of its decision to initiate proceedings under Article 93(2) of the EC Treaty.

'By letter dated 29 October 1997, registered in the Commission on 4 November 1997, the Spanish Representation to the European Union, in conformity with Article 93(3) of the EC Treaty and the EC framework for certain steel sectors not covered by the ECSC Treaty [1], notified a project to grant regional investment aid to a company, AG Tubos Europa, SA, to be created in the region of Extremadura.

By letter dated 14 November 1997, the Commission requested supplementary information, in particular as regards the market situation and the link of the new company with companies producing steel products under the ECSC Treaty. This was received by the Commission on 27 January 1998.

The notified aid consists of a regional grant of ESP 1 175 million towards an investment of ESP 5 596 million, representing an aid intensity of 21 %. The Spanish authorities consider the aid to be justified by the

[1] OJ C 320, 31.12.1988.