PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.9479 — PSA/Saft/ACC)

(Text with EEA relevance)

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1. On 14 January 2020, 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:

— Peugeot SA ('PSA', France), ultimately controled by Groupe PSA (France),

— Saft Groupe S.A. ('Saft', France), utlimately controlled by Total S.A. (France),

— Automotive Cells Company ('ACC', France), a newly created joint venture.

PSA and Saft acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) and 3(4) of the Merger Regulation joint control of ACC.

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

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— PSA is mainly an original equipment manufacturer and dealer of motor vehicles, under the brands Peugeot, Citroën, Opel, Vauxhall and DS,

— Saft is active in the manufacture and supply of industrial batteries,

— ACC will be active in the development, manufacture and supply of battery cells and modules for industrial and automotive applications.

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. The following reference should always be specified:

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

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