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NLMK Belgium Holdings SA,
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7100 La Louvière,
Belgium

Subject: **Case M.10847 – NBH / NLMK DANSTEEL**
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 12 September 2022, the European Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of the Merger Regulation, by which the undertaking NLMK Belgium Holdings SA ('NBH', Belgium), jointly controlled by Société Wallonne de Gestion et des Participations SA (Belgium) and NLMK International B.V., which in turn is ultimately controlled by Novolipetsk Steel PJSC ('NLMK', Russia), intends to acquire, within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation, sole control of the whole of NLMK DanSteel A/S ('NLMK DanSteel', Denmark), ultimately controlled by NLMK, by way of purchase of shares.[3]

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

   – NBH and its subsidiaries are active in production, sale and distribution of semi-finished and finished flat steel products, including hot-rolled steel plates (quarto plates) in Europe,

   – NLMK DanSteel and its subsidiary are active in the production of hot-rolled steel plates (quarto plates) and distribution of steel products in Europe.

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

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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 362, 21.9.2022, p. 40.

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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.

For the Commission

(Signed)
Olivier GUERSENT
Director-General

4 OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.