PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.9229 — FSD/Tower Europe)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

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1. On 17 January 2019, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 and following a referral pursuant to Article 4(5) of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ([1]).

This notification concerns the following undertakings:

— Financière SNOP Dunois S.A. ('FSD', France),

— Tower Automotive Holdings Europe B.V. ('Tower Europe', the Netherlands).

FSD acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of the whole of Tower Europe.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for FSD: manufacture and sale of metal parts for the automotive industry. It also supplies tooling and, to a lesser degree, metal presses for the automotive industry,

— for Tower Europe: manufacture and sale of engineered structural metal components and assemblies for the automotive industry, including body-structure stampings, frame and other chassis structures and welded assemblies.

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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