Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.8652 — Accuride/mefro wheels)

(Text with EEA relevance)

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1. On 12 March 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:

— Accuride Corporation ('Accuride', USA), controlled by funds managed by Crestview LLC, USA,

— mefro wheels GmbH ('mefro wheels', Germany).

Accuride acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of the whole of mefro wheels.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

The concentration has been referred to the Commission by Germany, pursuant to Article 22(3) of the Merger Regulation. The referral was subsequently joined by the Netherlands, Poland and Spain.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for Accuride: North American manufacturer and supplier of steel and aluminium wheels and wheel-end components such as brake drums, disc brake rotors and slack adjusters for trucks, buses and trailers as well as specialty and military vehicles. It has production facilities in the USA, Canada and Mexico. In the EEA, Accuride supplies steels wheels for trucks, buses and trailers through its majority-owned Italian subsidiary Gianetti Ruote, and limited quantities of aluminium wheels to aftermarket customers,

— for mefro wheels: manufacturer and supplier of steels wheels for trucks, buses, trailers, light commercial vehicles and passenger cars as well as for construction and agricultural machinery.

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').