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PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.9046 — Taiyo Nippon Sanso/Praxair EEA Business)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2018/C 329/03)

1. On 11 September 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:

— Taiyo Nippon Sanso Corporation ('TNSC') (Japan), controlled by Mitsubishi Chemical Holdings Corporation ('MCHC') (Japan),

— Praxair EEA Business, being divested pursuant to the commitments submitted in Case M.8480 — Praxair/Linde.

TNSC acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of the whole of Praxair EEA Business.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for TNSC: manufacture and supply of industrial gases for use in a variety of industrial applications,

— for MCHC: chemical, industrial gas, and pharmaceutical industries,

— for Praxair EEA Business: manufacture and supply of industrial gases for use in a variety of industrial 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:

M.9046 — Taiyo Nippon Sanso/Praxair EEA Business

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

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