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Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.11519 – COGNE ACCIAI SPECIALI / MANNESMANN STAINLESS TUBES)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

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1. On 5 June 2024, 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:

— Cogne Acciai Speciali S.p.A. ('Cogne Acciai Speciali', Italy), controlled by Walsin Lihwa Corporation (Taiwan),

— Mannesmann Stainless Tubes GmbH ('Mannesmann Stainless Tubes', Germany), controlled by Salzgitter AG (Germany).

Cogne Acciai Speciali will acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of the whole of Mannesmann Stainless Tubes.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are the following:

— Cogne Acciai Speciali is a producer of long stainless steel products (such as wire rod and bars), as well as semi-finished products in stainless steel and nickel alloys (such as blooms and billets),

— Mannesmann Stainless Tubes is a producer of stainless steel and nickel alloys tubes and, to a limited extent, carbon steel tubes.

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 treatment for certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 on the control of concentrations between undertakings ([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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Observations can be sent to the Commission by email or by post. Please use the contact details below:

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([1]) OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the 'Merger Regulation').
([2]) OJ C 160, 5.5.2023, p. 1.

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