Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.9842 – Hitachi Chemical Company/Fiamm Energy Technology)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2020/C 196/05)

1. On 2 June 2020, 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:

— Hitachi Chemical Company Ltd. ('HCC', Japan), controlled by Showa Denko K.K. ('SDK', Japan),

— Fiamm Energy Technology S.p.A ('FET', Italy).

HCC acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of the whole of FET.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for HCC: the production of functional materials such as electronics materials, inorganic materials, polymer science materials and printed wiring board materials and the production of advanced components and systems, such as automotive products, energy storage devices, electronics components and other diagnostic agents and instruments,

— for FET: the production and distribution of lead acid starter batteries and stationary batteries. FET is currently jointly controlled by HCC and Elettra 1938 S.p.A. ('Elettra', Italy).

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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Observations can be sent to the Commission by email, by fax, 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 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.