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PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.9043 — ZF/MAGURA/BFO/BMZ/JV)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

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1. On 8 August 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:

— ZF Friedrichshafen AG, Friedrichshafen ('ZF', Germany),

— Gustav Magenwirth GmbH & Co. KG ('MAGURA', Germany),

— Brake Force One GmbH, ('BFO', Germany),

— BMZ Batterien-Montage-Zentrum GmbH ('BMZ', Germany),

— Sachs Micro Mobility GmbH ('JV', Germany), currently controlled by ZF, MAGURA, BFO and Unicorn Energy GmbH.

ZF, MAGURA, BFO and BMZ acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) and Article 3(4) of the Merger Regulation control of the whole JV. The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— ZF: predominanty is active as producer of automotive components, especially concerning driveline and chassis technology as well as active and passive safety technology,

— MAGURA: predominantly manufactures components for bicycles and motorbikes,

— BFO: produces and developes brakes and prototypes for one-off products for bicycles and light electric vehicles,

— BMZ: develops and produces high-tech battery systems for automotive, e-mobility and storage, medical and industrial applications as well a power and garden tools,

— JV: The joint venture will develop, produce and commercialise ABS and drive systems for light electric vehicles.

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.

([1]) OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the 'Merger Regulation').
([2]) OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.

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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