Prior notification of a concentration

(Case: M.9623—AMG/Shell/JV)

(Text with EEA relevance)

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1. On 12 February 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:

— AMG Advanced Metallurgical Group N.V. ('AMG', the Netherlands),

— Shell Overseas Investments B.V. ('SOI', the Netherlands), a subsidiary of Royal Dutch Shell plc ('Shell', United Kingdom),

— Shell & AMG Recycling B.V. ('S&AR', the Netherlands).

AMG and Shell acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) and 3(4) of the Merger Regulation joint control of S&AR.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares in a newly created company constituting a joint venture.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— AMG is a global specialty metals and engineering group. It is also active in recycling spent resid catalysts, generated from crude oil processing by refineries, in North America and selling of the metals extracted through the recycling process,

— Shell is a global group of entities active in the exploration, development and production of oil and gas. It also supplies fresh resid catalysts for use in the refining and petrochemical processing industries,

— S&AR will be active, outside North America, in recycling spent resid catalysts and selling of the metals extracted through the recycling process.

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').