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PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.9696 – ArcelorMittal Neel Tailored Blanks/TT Steel Service India/JV)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2020/C 113/06)

1. On 26 March 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:

— ArcelorMittal Neel Tailored Blanks Private Limited ('ANTB', Luxembourg/India), jointly controlled by ArcelorMittal Tailored Blanks Lorraine SAS of India (ultimately controlled by ArcelorMittal of Luxembourg) and Neel Metal Products Limited of India,

— TT Steel Service India Private Limited ('TTSSI', India), belonging to the Toyota Group,

— ArcelorMittal Neel TT Private Limited ('ANTT', India), jointly controlled by ANTB and TTSSI.

ANTB and TTSSI acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) and 3(4) of the Merger Regulation joint control of ANTT.

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:

— for ANTB: production, distribution, marketing, and sale of steel products, including tailored welded blanks. It supplies steel for various applications including automotive, construction, household appliances, and packaging,

— for TTSSI: operating a Steel Service Center (SSC),

— for ANTT: production and commercialisation of tailored welded blanks, exclusively in India.

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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