Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.9330 — Denso/Hirose)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2019/C 251/05)

1. On 22 July 2019, 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:

— Denso Corporation ('Denso', Japan),

— Hirose Plant (Japan), owned by the Toyota Motor Corporation.

Denso acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of the whole of the Hirose Plant.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of assets.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— Denso is a Japanese manufacturer and supplier of advanced automotive parts and components for automobile manufacturers, non-automotive consumer products and industrial products,

— the Hirose Plant is a manufacturing facility, which is engaged in the production of semiconductors and electronic components for use in automobiles.

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').