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Germany

Subject: **Case M.12296 – SALZGITTER MANNESMANN / HÜTTENWERKE KRUPP MANNESMANN**
Commission decision pursuant to Article 6(1)(b) of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ([1]) and Article 57 of the Agreement on the European Economic Area ([2])

Dear Sir or Madam,

(1) On 7 April 2026, the European Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of the Merger Regulation by which Salzgitter Mannesmann GmbH ('SMG', Germany), controlled by Salzgitter AG (Germany), will acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of the whole of Hüttenwerke Krupp Mannesmann GmbH ('HKM', Germany), currently controlled by SMG, thyssenkrupp Steel Europe AG ('tkSE', Germany) and Vallourec Tubes ('Vallourec', France). The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares. ([3])

(2) The business activities of the undertakings concerned are the following:

– SMG is a European steel technology and plant engineering corporation, acting as a holding company for such activities within the Salzgitter group,

– HKM is a manufacturer of semi-finished carbon steel products.

([1]) OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the 'Merger Regulation'). With effect from 1 December 2009, the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union ('TFEU') has introduced certain changes, such as the replacement of 'Community' by 'Union' and 'common market' by 'internal market'. The terminology of the TFEU will be used throughout this decision.
([2]) OJ L 1, 3.1.1994, p. 3 (the 'EEA Agreement').
([3]) OJ C, C/2026/2284, 16.4.2026.

(3) After examination of the notification, the European Commission has concluded that the notified operation falls within the scope of the Merger Regulation and of paragraph 5(e) of the Commission Notice on a simplified treatment for certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004. ([4])

(4) For the reasons set out in the Notice on a simplified treatment, the European Commission has decided not to oppose the notified operation and to declare it compatible with the internal market and with the EEA Agreement. This decision is adopted in application of Article 6(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation and Article 57 of the EEA Agreement.

For the Commission

(Signed)
Anthony WHELAN
Director-General
Directorate-General for Competition

([4]) OJ C 160, 5.5.2023, p. 1 (the 'Notice on a simplified treatment').