PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.10147 — Mitsui & Co/Mitsui Chemicals/Honshu Chemical Industry)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2021/C 120/03)

1. On 30 March 2021, 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:

— Mitsui & Co., Ltd. ('Mitsui Bussan', Japan),

— Mitsui Chemicals, Inc. ('Mitsui Chemicals', Japan),

— Honshu Chemical Industry Co., Ltd. ('Honshu Chemical', Japan).

Mitsui Bussan and Mitsui Chemicals acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation joint control of the whole of Honshu Chemical.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for Mitsui Bussan: global trading organisation active in various sectors, including: (i) iron and steel products; (ii) mineral and metal resources; (iii) energy; (iv) machinery and infrastructure; (v) chemical products; (vi) life style; and (viii) innovation and corporate development. It is headquartered in Tokyo, Japan and is listed on the Tokyo Stock Exchange,

— for Mitsui Chemicals: company engaged in the production and sale of chemical products worldwide. Its' principal business areas are: (i) mobility products; (ii) healthcare products; (iii) food and packaging products; and (iv) basic materials. It is headquartered in Tokyo, Japan and is listed on the Tokyo Stock Exchange,

— for Honshu Chemical: company engaged in the production and sale of chemical products. Its principal activities are the production and sale of: (i) 4,4' biphenol; (ii) cresol derivatives; (iii) electronic materials; and (iv) special bisphenols. It is headquartered in Tokyo, Japan and is listed on the Tokyo Stock Exchange.

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').

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