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PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

Case M.9663 — Vossloh Rail Services/Rhomberg Sersa Rail Holding/Vossloh Rail Maintenance (Railway switches repair and maintenance)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

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1. On 21 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:

— Vossloh Rail Services GmbH ('Vossloh Rail Services', Germany), belonging to the Vossloh AG group ('Vossloh', Germany),

— Rhomberg Sersa Rail Holding GmbH ('Rhomberg Sersa', Austria),

— Vossloh Rail Maintenance GmbH ('Vossloh Rail Maintenance', Germany), controlled by Vossloh Rail Services.

Vossloh Rail Services and Rhomberg Sersa, through their jointly controlled joint venture Rhomberg Sersa Vossloh GmbH ('RSV', Germany), acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) and 3(4) of the Merger Regulation control of part of Vossloh Rail Maintenance. The merger concerns the acquisition of Vossloh Rail Maintenance's turnouts maintenance business.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of assets.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— Vossloh Rail Services: a provider of specialised rail infrastructure services. Vossloh Rail Services is part of Vossloh, a globally active technology company with a core focus on rail infrastructure,

— Rhomberg Sersa: a full railway engineering service provider, with a broad range of railway construction, infrastructure and service products,

— Vossloh Rail Maintenance: rail and turnouts maintenance service provider.

The RSV joint venture was set up to provide turnouts maintenance.

[1] OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the 'Merger Regulation').

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 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.

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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([2]) OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.