Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.8651 — Bosch/HASCO/ASCN)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

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1. On 4 October 2017, 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:

— Robert Bosch GmbH ('Bosch', Germany),

— HUAYU Automotive Systems Company Ltd ('HASCO', China), controlled through SAIC Motor Corporation by the State-owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission of Shanghai Municipal Government,

— Bosch Automobile Steering (Nanjing) Co., Ltd ('ASCN', China), controlled by Bosch.

Bosch and HASCO — through their joint venture Bosch HUAYU Steering Systems Co., Ltd — acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) and 3(4) of the Merger Regulation joint control of ASCN.

The concentration is accomplished by way of a purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for Bosch: globally active supplier of technology and services for the automotive industry, industrial technology, consumer goods and energy and building technology industries,

— for HASCO: active in the development, production and sale of automotive components for a variety of car manufacturers,

— for ASCN: active in the production of power-assisted steering gears, predominantly in China.

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.

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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Observations can be sent to the Commission by email, by fax, or by post. Please use the contact details below:

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([1]) OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the 'Merger Regulation').
([2]) OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.