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PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.10859 – TRAFIGURA / ECOBAT RESOURCES STOLBERG)

(Text with EEA relevance)

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1. On 22 December 2022, 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:

— Trafigura Group Pte Limited ('Trafigura', Singapore),

— Ecobat Resources Stolberg GmbH ('ERS', Germany), currently controlled by Ecobat LLC ('Ecobat', Germany).

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

Trafigura will acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of the whole of ERS.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are the following:

— Trafigura is an independent commodity trader, specialising in the oil, minerals and metals markets at global level,

— ERS owns a lead smelting facility in Stolberg, Germany that produces lead metal, as well as other base and precious metals including doré silver and sulphuric acid, recovered as by-products of the lead smelting process.

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 no 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:

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

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