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COMP/M.5545 - ARCELORMITTAL / NOBLE EUROPEAN HOLDING

SECTION 1.2

Description of the concentration

ArcelorMittal intends to acquire 100% of the shares of voting common stock of Noble European Holdings, B.V. The proposed concentration will allow ArcelorMittal to regain control over the tailor welded blanks business in Europe, which ArcelorMittal sold to Noble in 2007.

The proposed concentration has a Community dimension within the meaning of Article 1(2) of the EC Merger Regulation.

ArcelorMittal is a global steel company with more than 310,000 employees in more than 60 countries and an industrial presence in over 20 countries spanning four continents. ArcelorMittal's principal business is the production, distribution, marketing and sale of steel products (which include semi-finished products, flat carbon steel products, long carbon steel products, stainless steel products and tube and pipe products) and, to a smaller extent, products of first transformation. ArcelorMittal is also active in the mining business.

Noble European Holdings, B.V. is a holder of several companies which are active in the tailor welded blanks business and supply customers in the automotive industry.