

***Case No COMP/M.4499 -
HOLDING GONVARRI /
ASSC / ASSC SLOVAKIA***

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**REGULATION (EC) No 139/2004
MERGER PROCEDURE**

Article 6(1)(b) NON-OPPOSITION
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ARTICLE 6(1)(b) DECISION

SIMPLIFIED PROCEDURE

To the notifying party

Dear Madam(s) and/or Sir(s),

**Subject: Case No. COMP/M.4499 - HOLDING GONVARRI / ASSC / ASSC
SLOVAKIA
Notification of 20.01.2007 pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No.
139/2004¹
Publication in the Official Journal of the European Union No. C 043, 27/02/07,
page 18.**

1. On 20 February 2007, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 by which the undertaking Holding Gonvarri S.L. ("Gonvarri", Spain) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation joint control of the undertaking Arcelor SSC Slovakia s.r.o ("ASSC Slovakia"), currently solely controlled by Arcelor Steel Service Centres SaS ("ASSC", France), by way of purchase of shares.

¹ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004 p. 1

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
 - for Holding Gonvarri S.L: international group operating steel service centres in Spain, Portugal, Italy, Germany, Poland, Mexico and Brazil.
 - for ASSC Slovakia: Steel Service Centre with sales in Slovakia, the Czech Republic and Hungary.
3. After examination of the notification, the Commission has concluded that the notified operation falls within the scope of Council Regulation (EC) No. 139/2004 and of paragraph 5, subparagraph a, of the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004².
4. For the reasons set out in the Notice on a simplified procedure, the Commission has decided not to oppose the notified operation and to declare it compatible with the common market and with the EEA Agreement. This decision is adopted in application of Article 6(1) (b) of Council Regulation (EC) No. 139/2004.

For the Commission,
signed
Philip LOWE
Director General

² OJ C 56, 05.3.2005 p.32