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***Case M.8191 -
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JV***

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

Article 6(1)(b) NON-OPPOSITION
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To the notifying parties:

**Subject: Case M.8191 - ARCELORMITTAL / CLN / JV
Commission decision pursuant to Article 6(1)(b) of Council Regulation (EC)
No 139/2004¹ and Article 57 of the Agreement on the European Economic Area²**

Dear Sir or Madam,

1. On 27 October 2016, the European Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of the Merger Regulation by which the undertakings Arcelor Mittal Distribution Solution Italia S.r.l. ('AMDS Italia', Italy), belonging to ArcelorMittal Group ('ArcelorMittal', France), and C.L.N. – Coils Lamiere Nastri S.p.A. ('CLN', Italy) acquire, through their joint venture ArcelorMittal CLN Distribuzione Italia S.r.l. ('AMCLN', Italy), within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation joint control of the whole of Acierplus s.a.s ('Acierplus', France), by way of purchase of shares. Prior to the transaction, Acierplus is wholly-owned by ArcelorMittal.³
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
 - for ArcelorMittal: mining, manufacturing and distribution of various steel products at global level,
 - for CLN: distribution of steel and production of components for cars and commercial vehicles,
 - for Acierplus: steel distribution through oxycutting centres.

¹ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the 'Merger Regulation'). With effect from 1 December 2009, the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union ('TFEU') has introduced certain changes, such as the replacement of 'Community' by 'Union' and 'common market' by 'internal market'. The terminology of the TFEU will be used throughout this decision.

² OJ L 1, 3.1.1994, p. 3 (the 'EEA Agreement').

³ Publication in the Official Journal of the European Union No C 405, 04.11.2016, p. 11.

3. After examination of the notification, the European Commission has concluded that the notified operation falls within the scope of the Merger Regulation and of paragraph 5(c) of the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004.⁴
4. For the reasons set out in the Notice on a simplified procedure, the European Commission has decided not to oppose the notified operation and to declare it compatible with the internal market and with the EEA Agreement. This decision is adopted in application of Article 6(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation and Article 57 of the EEA Agreement.

For the Commission

(signed)
Johannes LAITENBERGER
Director-General

⁴ OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.