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***Case M.9521 - BAMESA /
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CENTRE EUROPE***

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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.9521 – Bamesa/Sumitomo/Steel Centre Europe
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 3 December 2019, the European Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of the Merger Regulation by which the undertakings Bamesa Aceros S.L. ('Bamesa', Spain), controlled by ARMASFI S.L., and Sumitomo Corporation ('Sumitomo', Japan) acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) in conjunction with Art 3(4) of the Merger Regulation joint control of the whole of the undertaking Steel Centre Europe s.r.o. ('SCE', Czech Republic). Prior to the transaction, Sumitomo was already a shareholder in SCE.³
- (2) The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
 - for Bamesa: distribution of steel through steel service centres;
 - for Sumitomo: trading of metal products, transportation and construction systems, environment and infrastructure, chemicals and electronics, media, networks and lifestyle related goods, mineral resources, energy and life sciences;
 - for SCE: distribution of steel through steel service centres, mainly in the Czech Republic.
- (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

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 414, 10.12.2019, p. 32.

paragraph 5(b) 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)
Olivier GUERSENT
Director General

⁴ OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.