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MERGER PROCEDURE**

Article 6(1)(b) NON-OPPOSITION
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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 28 November 2022, the European Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of the Merger Regulation, by which Astara Western Europe N.V. (Belgium), Mitsubishi Corporation (Japan) and Isuzu Motors Limited (“Isuzu”, Japan), will acquire within the meaning of Articles 3(1)(b) and 3(4) of the Merger Regulation joint control over Isuzu Sales Deutschland GmbH

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’).

* Should read: ‘Kontich’.

(Germany), a joint venture currently solely controlled by Mitsubishi Corporation by way of purchase of shares.³

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are the following:
 - Astara Western Europe is active in import and wholesale distribution of four wheel motorvehicles,
 - Mitsubishi Corporation is active across several industries, including industrial finance, energy, metals, machinery, chemicals, food and environment and the distribution of motor vehicles,
 - Isuzu is active in the manufacture and distribution of motor vehicles.
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)
Olivier GUERSENT
Director-General

³ Publication in the Official Journal of the European Union No C 466, 07/12/2022, p. 28.

⁴ OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.