



SSAB has received EC approval to divest 50% of the shares in Norsk Stål AS to Leif Hübert AS as required under the Rautaruukki transaction

SSAB has received approval from the European Commission to sell 50% of the shares in Norsk Stål AS (Norway) to Leif Hübert AS. This transaction is part of the divestment remedies that the European Commission deemed necessary for the combination of Rautaruukki with SSAB. The transaction is still subject to the approval of national competition authorities. This transaction has only a limited impact on SSAB's financial results. SSAB has earlier divested Plannja Oy in Finland to Metehe Oy.

On July 14, 2014, SSAB received the European Commission's approval for the combination with Rautaruukki. The approval was conditional on a commitment by SSAB to divest the following assets within what was then its Nordic Steel Distribution system and Finnish construction business: one steel service center in Sweden (Halmstad) and one in Finland (Naantali), Tibnor Oy in Finland (a wholly owned subsidiary of Tibnor AB), the 50% ownership interest in each of Norsk Stål AS and Norsk Stål Tynnplater AS in Norway and Plannja Oy in Finland (a wholly owned subsidiary of Plannja AB).

Norsk Stål AS distributes steel and other metals in Norway. The company has 241 employees and its net sales in 2013 were SEK 1,659 million (EUR 192 million). The other half of the shares in Norsk Stål AS is owned by Tata Steel.

Ongoing remedy divestments will not affect the previously communicated synergy potential or the industrial logic behind the combination of SSAB and Rautaruukki.

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