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Communication from the Commission to the Council

Request for assent, pursuant to Art. 56.2.a) of the ECSC Treaty to
granting a reconversion loan to Belgian Mechanical Fabrication (B.M.F.)
S.A., Belgium

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INTERNAL DOCUMENT

Communication to the Council

Subject: Request for assent, pursuant to Art. 56.2.a) of the ECSC Treaty to granting a reconversion loan to Belgian Mechanical Fabrication (B.M.F.), S.A., Belgium.

I. THE COMPANY

No. 313

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Applicant : Belgian Mechanical Fabrication (B.M.F.) S.A.

Registered Office : Brussels

Parent company of applicant : ASCO, S.A. (50%)
Cockerill S.A.
Cie Bruxelles-Lambert S.A.

Beneficiary : Belgian Mechanical Fabrication (B.M.F.) S.A.

Field of activity of beneficiary : Manufacture, machining, conditioning, repair, sale and purchase of finished or semi-finished products of the metal fabrication and engineering industries.

II. THE PROJECT
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Project description

: Construction and fitting out of a factory for the fabrication of heavy-gauge aluminium plate into bodies for armoured vehicles. This technology will then be used to produce bridges, apparatus for work at low temperature, for pressing, stamping and manufacture of aircraft spare parts.

Project cost

: Land	}	Bfrs 180 million
: Buildings		
: Plant and machinery		Bfrs 274 million
: Other (licence and initial formation expenses)		Bfrs 148 million
: Total		<u>Bfrs 602 million (14.42 MioECU)</u>

Project schedule

: August 1980 - commencement of work on the factory;
July 1981 - production to commence;
September 1982 - first items ready for delivery.

Market

: The Belgian State (Ministry of Defence); at a later date the world market for other manufactures.

Environment

: Environment protection measures in accordance with regulations in force

The sectoral and competition aspects of the project have been closely examined; they do not run counter to granting the requested loan.

The project appears economically sound; it will make a very useful contribution to the redevelopment of the region concerned which is affected by a decline in ECSC industries.

III. THE REGION

<u>Project location</u>	: a) Aubange (Luxembourg province), Belgium b) Grâce-Hollogne (Liège province), "
<u>Unemployment rate</u>	: a) 12.3% at the end of December 1980 b) 19.1% at the end of December 1980
<u>National aid status of project area</u>	: Development areas

The ECSC industry has been an important source of employment in the area.

IV. CONFORMITY WITH ART. 56 OF THE ECSC TREATY

<u>ECSC redundancies in project area</u>	: <u>Luxembourg province*</u> 2 037 (1975-1979) - steel
	<u>Liège province</u> 4 610 (1975-1979) - steel 1 718 (1975-1979) - coal 1 220 (Dec. 1979-March 1980) - steel
<u>Job creation of project</u>	: 170
<u>Training</u>	: By BMF in conjunction with the O.N.E.M.

The Commission considers that the request complies with Art. 56 2a) of the ECSC Treaty and that the new job opportunities offered by the project are capable of absorbing redundant ECSC workers into productive employment.

* Source: Groupement des Hauts-Fourneaux et Aciéries Belges.

V. RECONVERSION LOAN

- Loan requested : Bfrs 300 million (about 7.22 MioECU)
or its equivalent
- Loan granted : The Commission has approved a loan of
Bfrs 300 million (about 7.22 MioECU)
or equivalent to the above mentioned
company in accordance with Art. 56
operating policies (O.J. No. C 82/8
of 29 March 1979).
- Interest rebate : 3% points per year for five years on
3.4 MioECU
- Job basis of interest rebate : 170 jobs suitable for former ECSC
workers, who are to be given priority.

VI. COUNCIL ASSENT

The Commission invites the Council to give its assent to the
foregoing decision.