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**COMMISSION  
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EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES**

General Secretariat

COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE COUNCIL

Request for assent, pursuant to Article 56 2a) of the ECSC Treaty  
to the granting of a global loan to the Westdeutsche Landesbank  
Gironzentrale, Federal Republic of Germany

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Communication to the Council

Subject : Request for assent, pursuant to Article 56 2a) of the ECSC Treaty to the granting of a global loan to the Westdeutsche Landesbank Girozentrale, Federal Republic of Germany

I. FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARY  
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No. 395

Applicant : Westdeutsche Landesbank Girozentrale

Registered Office : Düsseldorf

Shareholders : - Land North Rhine-Westphalia  
- Landschaftsverband Rheinland-Westfalen-Lippe  
- Rheinischer Sparkassen- und Giroverband  
- Westfälisch-Lippischer-Sparkassen- und Giroverband

II. RECIPIENTS  
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: The Westdeutsche Landesbank will pass the loan to small and medium size concerns, will widen the range of present activities and/or create new economic activities

Field of Activity of recipients

: Industrial and service activities

III. THE PROJECT

Procedure

: The Commission will grant DM 50 million (+ 21.908 MioECU) to the Westdeutsche Landesbank Girozentrale. The Commission decision for a global loan will be implemented by concluding an agreement - within which framework payment will be made by instalments for which separate loan contracts will be concluded (see Article 3 - global loan - OJ No C 191/3 of 16.7.1983). The subsidiary loans will be approved by the relevant departments of the Commission

The Westdeutsche Landesbank Girozentrale will send annual reports to the Commission of the use made of borrowed funds. The Bank in question will also report annually on the number of former ECSC workers re-employed by loan recipients.

Total amount of investment

: at least DM 100 million (+ 43.816 MioECU)

IV. THE REGION

Project location

: The credits will be used in the coal mining and steel regions of the Federal Republic of Germany, in the first place in land North Rhine-Westphalia.

Unemployment rate

: In June 1983, the level of unemployment recorded in regional labour offices of Land North Rhine-Westphalia (where coal and steel play an important role traditionally) was close to 12.9 %. By comparison, the level for the entire Federal Republic of Germany at the same time was 8.7 %.

National aid status of project area

: Areas of regional economic promotion or ECSC conversion areas.

The ECSC industry has been and still is a major employer in the area.

V. CONFORMITY WITH ARTICLE 56 2a) OF THE ECSC TREATY  
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ECSC redundancies in  
project area

: During the year June 1982 to May 1983, 14,116 workers in the metal production sector were registered unemployed in Land North Rhine-Westphalia. The trend in the number of persons registered as unemployed suggest an estimate, for 1983 and 1984, of some 8 to 10,000 additional unemployed in the ECSC sector (Communication from the local association of the Ruhr-Essen basin).

Jobs to be created  
by the project

: More than 1,600 jobs of which at least 1,100 suitable for former ECSC workers.

Training

: If necessary, by recipients of subsidiary loans and/or public centres of vocational training.

The Commission considers that the application complies with Article 56 2a) of the ECSC Treaty.

VI. GLOBAL LOAN  
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Loan applied for

: DM 50 million

Loan to be granted

: The Commission has approved a loan of DM 50 million (about 21.908 MioECU) or equivalent to the above mentioned institution (1)

Interest rebate

: 5 percentage points per year for five years on 21.908 MioECU

Job basis of interest rebate : 1.100 jobs suitable for former ECSC workers, to whom they will be offered in priority.

VII. COUNCIL ASSENT  
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The Commission requests the Council to give its assent to the foregoing decision

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(1) In accordance with Article 56 application criteria (OJ C 191, 16 July 1983).