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COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE COUNCIL

Request for assent, pursuant to Article 56 (2)(a) of the ECSC Treaty to the granting of a global loan to the Saarlandische Investitions-Kreditbank AG (SIKE), Saarbrücken, 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 Saarländische Investitionskreditbank AG (SIKB), Saarbrücken, Federal Republic of Germany.

I. FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARY
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No. 397

Applicant : SIKB

Registered Office : Saarbrücken

Shareholders : Federal Republic of Germany 51%
Saarländische Kreditinstitute 48.6%
Saarland concerns 0.4%

II. RECIPIENTS
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: The SIKB will pass on the loan to small and medium firms, extending existing and/or promoting new activities.

Field of Activity of recipients

: Industrial and service activities.

III. THE PROJECT

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Procedure : The Commission will make available to the SIKB DM 120 million (some 53,14 MioECU). The Commission decision on the grant of a global loan leads to the conclusion of a framework contract, to take the form of successive instalments for which special loan agreements will be concluded (see Figure 3 - Global loan - application conditions, OJ C 191, of 16.7.1983). The sub-loans will be approved by the relevant departments of the Commission.

The SIKB will report to the Commission annually on the uses made of the global loan. It will also report on the further employment of redundant ECSC workers.

Total amount of investment : at least DM 240 million (+ 106,28 MioECU)

IV. THE REGION

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Project location : Arbeitsmarktregion Saarbrücken (1)

Unemployment rate : Saarland (Oct. 1983): 11,7%
- Neunkirchen : 13,4%
- Saarbrücken : 14,8%
- Saarlouis : 12,4%
(for comparison: Federal rate: 8,7%)

National aid status of project area : Regional aided area
cf ECSC conversion area

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

(1) Outside ECSC employment areas, the strict social clause will be applied (O.J. C191 of 16.7.1983, Operating principles, §14, second sentence).

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

: The necessary adaptation process in the Saarland coal and steel industry will be continued. In particular the redundancies decided at ARBED Saar Steel require further efforts to re-employ workers.

Jobs to be created
by the project

: Some 2 400 new jobs for former ECSC workers.

Training

: As far as possible by sub-loan recipients and/or public training centres.

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 120 million

Loan to be granted

: The Commission has approved a loan of DM 120 million (about 53.14 MioECU) or equivalent to the above mentioned institution (1)

Interest rebate

: 5 percentage points per year for five years on 48 MioECU.

Job basis of interest rebate

: 2 400 jobs 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

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