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COMMUNICATION BY 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 Hellenic Industrial
Development Bank (ETVA), Athens (Greece)

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Subject : Request for assent, pursuant to Article 56 2a) of the ECSC Treaty to the granting of a global loan to the Hellenic Industrial Development Bank (ETVA), Athens (Greece).

I. FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARY
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No. 366

Applicant

: Hellenic Industrial
Development Bank (ETVA)

Registered Office

: Athens
(Branch Offices in Thessaloniki, Patros,
Volos, Iraklion, Kavala, Joannia and
Komotini).

Shareholders

: State of Greece.

II. RECIPIENTS
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: Small and medium-sized firms in Greece
and especially in the ECSC-employment
area (circumscription of the Elefsina
Employment Office).

Field of Activity of
recipients

: Industrial and service activities.

III. THE PROJECT
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Procedure

- : The Commission will make 5 MioECU available to the Hellenic Industrial Development Bank, to be paid in tranches over four years as sub-loans approved by the Commission's departments.
The Hellenic Industrial Development Bank will report annually on the use made of the global loan. The Bank will also report each year on the re-employment of former ECSC workers in the firms financed.

Total amount of investment

- : at least the equivalent of 10,0 MioECU.

IV. THE REGION
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Project location

- : Steel producing areas in Greece, principally in the ECSC employment area (Elevsina) (1).

Unemployment rate

- : Registered unemployment in the area almost 1% (end 1983). Unemployment register does not give, however, a true picture; unemployment is, in fact, considerably higher than the register indicates.

National aid status of project area

- : Nationally assisted and ECSC employment area.

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

(1) Outside the ECSC employment area, the strict social clause will be applied (O.J. C 191 of 16 July, 1983, ECSC operating principles, second sentence of Article 14).

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

: The fall in employment in the steel industry amounted to 1,914 in 1977-1983. The number of steel workers compared to total employed fell from 15,5% in 1977 to 3,6% in 1983.

Jobs to be created
by the project

: Under the supposition, that all jobs are created in the ECSC employment area, 375 new and economically viable jobs.

Training

: If necessary, through public authorities or sub-loan recipients.

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

: 5 MioECU

Loan to be granted

: The Commission has approved a loan of 5 MioECU to the above mentioned institution (1).

Interest rebate

: 5 percentage points per year for five years on 5.0 MioECU.

Job basis of interest rebate : 250 jobs.

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).