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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 Westdeutsche Landesbank Giro-
zentrale, Düsseldorf, 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 Westdeutsche Landesbank Girozentrale, Düsseldorf, Federal Republic of Germany

I. FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARY
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No. 423

Applicant : Westdeutsche Landesbank Girozentrale

Registered Office : Düsseldorf

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

II. RECIPIENTS
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: The funds will be passed on to small and medium-sized enterprises for the expansion or creation of new activities

Field of Activity of recipients

: Industry and services sectors

III. THE PROJECT

Procedure

The Commission will make available to the Westdeutsche Landesbank Girozentrale 200 Mio DM (some 89.92 mioECU). The loan will be paid out in tranches over three years subject to authorization of sub-loans. The sub-loans will be approved by the Commission in accordance with the application criteria and aims which it has published (OJ C 191 of 16 July 1983).

The Westdeutsche Landesbank will report to the Commission annually on the uses made of the global loan. The Bank will also report annually on the total number of jobs created and in fact occupied and on the re-employment of former ECSC workers by the borrowers.

Total amount of investment

: at least 400 Mio DM (+ 180 MioECU)

IV. THE REGION

Project location

: ECSC employment areas (1)

Unemployment rate

: Ruhr area 14.2%
North Rhine-Westphalia 10.8%
(Federal Republic as a whole) 9.4% - December 1984)

National aid status of project area

: Regional aid areas

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

(1) Outside ECSC employment areas, the strict social clause is applicable (OJ C 191 of 16 July 1983, application criteria, para. 14, second sentence).

V. CONFORMITY WITH ARTICLE 56 2a) OF THE ECSC TREATY
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ECSC redundancies in project area : Continuing cutbacks in the ECSC industries will lead in 1984 and 1985 to the loss of some 20,000 jobs.

Jobs to be created by the project : Assuming that all the posts will be created in a priority ECSC employment area, some 6744 jobs will be involved.

Training : Where necessary, by public training institutions and 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 : 200 Mio DM

Loan to be granted : The Commission has approved a loan of 200 Mio DM (about 89.92 MioECU) or equivalent to the above mentioned institution (1)

Interest rebate : 5 percentage points per year for five years on 89.92 MioECU

Job basis of interest rebate : 4,496 jobs (i.e. two thirds of the jobs to be created)

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

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