Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.9266 — IIF/Kuwait Investment Authority/North Sea Midstream Partners)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

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1. On 22 January 2019, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ([1]).

This notification concerns the following undertakings:

— Kuwait Investment Authority ('KIA', Kuwait),

— IIF Int'l Holding L.P. ('IIF', Cayman Islands),

— North Sea Midstream Partners Limited ('NSMP', UK).

KIA and IIF acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) and 3(4) of the Merger Regulation joint control of NSMP via a special purpose vehicle, Selkie Investments Midstream Topco Limited. NSMP is currently solely controlled by KIA.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— KIA is a global investor, investing in real estate, private and public equity, fixed income and alternative investment markets across the globe,

— IIF is a limited partnership investment fund specialised in infrastructure investments, which focuses on long-term investments in infrastructure assets in OECD countries,

— NSMP owns natural gas transportation and processing assets in and around the UK North Sea.

3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified transaction could fall within the scope of the Merger Regulation. However, the final decision on this point is reserved.

Pursuant to the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under the Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ([2]) it should be noted that this case is a candidate for treatment under the procedure set out in the Notice.

4. The Commission invites interested third parties to submit their possible observations on the proposed operation to the Commission.

Observations must reach the Commission not later than 10 days following the date of this publication. The following reference should always be specified:

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Observations can be sent to the Commission by email, by fax, or by post. Please use the contact details below:

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([1]) OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the 'Merger Regulation').
([2]) OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.