Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.9552 — BP/China National Aviation Fuel Group/CNAF Air BP General Aviation Fuel Company)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

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1. On 30 September 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:

— BP Global Investments Limited ('BP GIL'), a wholly owned subsidiary of BP plc. ('BP'),

— CNAF Group General Aviation Development Co., Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of China National Aviation Fuel Group Limited ('China National Aviation Fuel Group'),

— CNAF Air BP General Aviation Fuel Company Limited ('CNAF Air BP General Aviation Fuel Company').

BP and China National Aviation Fuel Group acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) and 3(4) of the Merger Regulation joint control of CNAF Air BP General Aviation Fuel Company.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares in a newly created company constituting a joint venture.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— BP is a global company active in (i) exploration, production and marketing of crude oil and natural gas; (ii) refining, marketing, supply and transportation of petroleum products; (iii) production and supply of petrochemicals and related products; and (iv) supply of alternative energy,

— China National Aviation Fuel Group is a Chinese state-owned aviation fuel supplier,

— CNAF Air BP General Aviation Fuel Company is a newly created joint venture that will be active in the supply of supply of aviation fuel for general aviation purposes in China.

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.