Non-opposition to a notified concentration

(Case No IV/M.704 — Unilever/Diversey)

(96/C 113/07)

(Text with EEA relevance)

On 20 March 1996, the Commission decided not to oppose the above notified concentration and to declare it compatible with the common market. This decision is based on Article 6 (1) (b) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89 [1]. Third parties showing a sufficient interest can obtain a copy of the decision by making a written request to:

European Commission,
Directorate-General for Competition (DG IV),
Directorate B — Merger Task Force,
Avenue de Cortenberg/Kortenberglaan 150,
B-1040 Bruxelles/Brussel;
Fax number (32 2) 296 43 01.

[1] OJ No L 395, 30. 12. 1989. Corrigendum: OJ No L 257, 21. 9. 1990, p. 13.

Notice pursuant to Article 19 (3) of Council Regulation No 17 [1] concerning Case No IV/E-2/35.813 — BP Chemicals/Erdölchemie

(96/C 113/08)

(Text with EEA relevance)

1. On 25 October 1995, EC Erdölchemie GmbH (hereinafter 'Erdölchemie'), BP Chemicals Ltd (hereinafter 'BP Chemicals') and Bayer AG (hereinafter 'Bayer') notified, pursuant to Article 4 of Regulation No 17, an 'Agency contract for polyethylene' and a 'Technical Service and product development contract for polyethylene'.

2. BP Chemicals is active in the production and worldwide sale of petrochemicals and plastics, including polyethylene with production facilities throughout Europe. Erdölchemie, which is jointly owned and controlled by Deutsche BP Holding AG, a subsidiary of The British Petroleum Company plc, and Bayer, was established in 1957. It is active in naphtha-cracking and the production of derivatives such as polyethylene, butadiene and crack gasoline.

   Bayer is a diversified international company in the chemical and pharmaceutical industries. Its only polyethylene activities are carried out through Erdölchemie.

3. In 1986, Bayer, BP Chemicals International Ltd and Erdölchemie notified to the Commission five agreements regarding the distribution of Erdölchemie polyethylene products by BP Chemicals International Ltd in its name and its own account, a takeover guarantee of BP Chemicals International Ltd concerning polyethylene volumes of Erdölchemie, a pooling of proceeds, technical cooperation and product development between BP Chemicals International and Erdölchemie and cooperation in the field of rationalization.

   These agreements came to an end on 1 January 1995 and were replaced by new temporary arrangements.

[1] OJ No 13, 21. 2. 1962, p. 204 (Special Edition 1959-62, p. 87).