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PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.9968 — TOTAL/Ørsted UK)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2020/C 402/05)

1. On 16 November 2020, 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:

— TOTAL S.E. ("TOTAL", France),

— A portfolio of Ørsted Sales (UK) Limited and Ørsted Power Sales (UK) Limited's business-to-business contracts for the retail supply of gas and electricity and other related assets ("Ørsted UK", UK), controlled by Ørsted A/S.

TOTAL acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of the whole of Ørsted UK.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of assets.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for TOTAL: it is engaged in every sector of the oil and gas industry, including upstream (hydrocarbon exploration, development and production) and downstream (refining, petrochemicals, specialty chemicals, trading and shipping of crude oil and petroleum products and marketing),

— for Ørsted UK: business-to-business contracts for the retail supply of gas and electricity and other related assets.

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.

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:

M.9968 — TOTAL/Ørsted UK

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').

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