PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.10438 – MOL / OMV SLOVENIJA)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2022/C 210/14)

1. On 13 May 2022, 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:

— MOL Hungarian Oil and Gas Plc. ('MOL', Hungary), the parent company of MOL Group,

— OMV Slovenija, trgovina z nafto in naftnimi derivati, d.o.o. ('OMV Slovenija', Slovenia).

MOL will acquire sole control of OMV Slovenija within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are the following:

— MOL Group is a vertically integrated oil and gas conglomerate whose main activities are: (i) the exploration, production and refining of crude oil, (ii) the distribution of refined oil products both at wholesale and retail level, (iii) the production and sale of petrochemicals, (iv) the exploration and production of natural gas and (v) the transmission of natural gas in Hungary. Headquartered in Budapest, MOL Group has operations in over 30 countries and employs about 25 000 people worldwide,

— OMV Slovenija is a Slovenian limited liability company under the sole control of the OMV Group, an Austrian based integrated oil, gas and chemicals company active worldwide. The main activity of OMV Slovenija is the retail sale of motor fuel via its network of 119 fuel stations that are managed either by OMV or by partner lessees.

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:

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([1]) OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the 'Merger Regulation').

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