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Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.12624 – OCP GROUP / KI GROUP / JFC1)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

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1. On 7 October 2026, 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:

— KAES Phosphate Holdings, LLC ('KAES', United States), controlled by Koch, Inc, ('KI', United States),

— OCP Nutricrops S.A. ('OCPN', Morocco), controlled by OCP S.A., ('OCP', Morocco),

— Jorf Fertilizers Company I, S.A. ('JFC1', Morocco), controlled by OCPN.

KAES and OCPN will acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) and 3(4) of the Merger Regulation joint control of JFC1.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

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

— KAES is part of the KI Group which controls a diverse portfolio of companies involved in refining and chemicals, process and pollution control equipment and technologies, minerals, fertilizers, commodity trading and services, polymers and fibers, glass, forest and consumer products, electronic connectors, printing and packing, enterprise software and investments. Through its subsidiary Koch Fertilizer, LLC, KI Group distributes phosphate fertilizers outside the EEA,

— OCPN is part of the OCP Group which is a global producer, supplier and distributor of phosphate -based fertilizers. OCP is also active in the extraction and sale of phosphate rock, and its conversion into phosphoric acid.

3. The business activities of the undertaking JFC1 are the following: production of phosphoric acid and phosphate-based fertilizers (including diammonium phosphate and monoammonium phosphate).

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

5. The Commission invites interested third parties to submit their possible observations on the proposed concentration 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').
([2]) OJ C 160, 5.5.2023, p. 1.

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