Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.10649 – PKN ORLEN / NORMBENZ / SELECTED HUNGARIAN AND SLOVAK ASSETS OF MOL)

(Text with EEA relevance)

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1. On 10 June 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:

— Polski Koncern Naftowy ORLEN S.A. ('PKN ORLEN', Poland),

— Normbenz Magyarország Kft. ('Normbenz', Hungary),

— Selected assets in Hungary and Slovakia currently controlled by MOL Magyar Olaj- és Gázipari Nyrt. ('MOL', Hungary).

— PKN Orlen will acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of the whole of Normbenz and selected assets in Hungary and Slovakia currently controlled by MOL.

— The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares and of assets.

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

— PKN ORLEN is the parent company of the ORLEN Group, which is an integrated, multi-utility enterprise active in Central Europe and Canada in oil refining, and biofuels production, production of petrochemicals, production of electricity, wholesale and retail sales of motor fuels, retail sales of fast-moving consumer goods, as well as extraction of petroleum and natural gas,

— Normbenz operates service stations in Hungary under the Lukoil brand,

— The selected assets in Hungary and Slovakia currently controlled by MOL combine assets which are the basis for the operation of service stations in Hungary and Slovakia.

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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