Prior notification of a concentration
(Case M.10177 — Repsol/Suez/Ecoplanta)
Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2021/C 170/07)

1. On 27 April 2021, 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:

— Suez Recycling and Recovery Spain, S.L., part of the Suez Group ('Suez', France),

— Repsol Industrial Transformation, S.L., part of the Repsol Group ('Repsol', Spain),

— Ecoplanta Molecular Recycling Solution, S.L. ('Ecoplanta', Spain), currently controlled by Suez.

Suez and Repsol acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) and 3(4) of the Merger Regulation joint control of Ecoplanta.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for Suez: water and waste management activities,

— for Repsol: the manufacture and marketing of all kinds of chemical products, including petrochemicals,

— for Ecoplanta: the development, construction and operation of a waste-to-biofuels/chemicals facility to transform municipal solid waste-derived feedstock into biomethanol in the province of Tarragona, Spain.

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.

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

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.10177 — Repsol/Suez/Ecoplanta

Observations can be sent to the Commission by email, by fax, or by post. Please use the contact details below:

Email: COMP-MERGER-REGISTRY@ec.europa.eu

Fax +32 22964301

Postal address:

European Commission
Directorate-General for Competition
Merger Registry
1049 Bruxelles/Brussel
BELGIQUE/BELGIË

([1]) OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the 'Merger Regulation').
([2]) OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.