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PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.9117 — Saudi Aramco/Arlanxeo)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2018/C 365/06)

1. On 2 October 2018, 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:

— Aramco Overseas Holdings Coöperatief U.A. (the Netherlands) ('AOHC'), a wholly owned subsidiary of Saudi Arabian Oil Company (the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia) ('Saudi Aramco'), and

— Arlanxeo Holding B.V. (the Netherlands) ('Arlanxeo').

Saudi Aramco, through its wholly owned subsidiary AOHC, acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of the whole of Arlanxeo. Arlanxeo is currently jointly controlled by Saudi Aramco and Lanxess Deutschland GmbH.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— Saudi Aramco is engaged in the exploration, production and marketing of crude oil and in the product and marketing of refined products.

— Arlanxeo is a specialty chemicals company that produces and offers a broad range of synthetic rubbers products.

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:

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

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