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Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.12311 – MESSER / AMBRIAN ENERGY / JV)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

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1. On 17 April 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:

— Messer SE & CO KGaA ('Messer', Germany) controlled by Messer Industrie GmBH ('Messer Group', Germany),

— Ambrian Energy GmbH ('Ambrian Energy', Germany), controlled by V&V Kapital Invest GmbH & Co. KG (Germany).

Messer and Ambrian Energy will acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) and 3(4) of the Merger Regulation joint control over NewCo (Germany).

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares in a newly created company constituting a joint venture.

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

— Messer belongs to the Messer Group, which is active in the production and supply of industrial gases, speciality gases, medical gases and gas mixtures in Europe and globally,

— Ambrian Energy is mainly active in the wholesale and storage of mineral oil products, such as petrol, diesel and heating oil, and biofuels, particularly in Northern Germany.

3. The business activities of NewCo will be the following: the building of, the ownership and the operation of an open-access CO2 export terminal in the Bremen port area of Germany. NewCo's export terminal will intermediately store CO2 for its subsequent transportation by sea and its permanent geological storage in the North Sea.

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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