Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.9593 — PTT GC/ALPLA TH/JV)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

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1. On 9 December 2019, 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:

— PTT Global Chemical Public Company Limited ('PTT GC', Thailand),

— ALPLA TH Recyclingbeteiligungsgesellschaft m.b.H.A, ('ALPLA TH', Austria), and

— ENVICCO Limited 'JV', Thailand)

PTT GC and ALPLA TH acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) and 3(4) of the Merger Regulation joint control of JV.

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:

— PTT GC manufactures and supplies upstream, intermediate, and downstream petrochemical products, including PolyEthylene Terephthalate (PET) and High Density Polyethylene (HDPE),

— ALPLA TH developes and produces rigid plastic packaging solutions such as packaging systems (i.e. bottles with caps/closure), bottles, closures, injection-moulded parts, preforms and tubes,

— JV will produce and supply mechanically recycled plastics, namely recycled PET and recycled HDPE, made from post-consumed packaging materials.

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

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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.