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PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.9065 — Akastor/Mitsui & Co./Mitsui O.S.K. Lines/AKOFS Offshore)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2018/C 297/06)

1. On 16 August 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:

— Akastor AS ('Akastor', Norway), controlled by Aker ASA ('Aker') and ultimately controlled by The Resource Group TRG AS,

— Mitsui & Co. Ltd ('Mitsui', Japan),

— Mitsui O.S.K. Lines Ltd ('MOL', Japan),

— AKOFS Offshore 1 AS ('AKOFS', Norway).

Akastor, Mitsui and MOL acquire, within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation, joint control over the whole of AKOFS.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— Akastor is a Norwegian public limited investment company with a portfolio of companies mainly in the oilfield services sector,

— Mitsui is a Japanese trading company group engaged in a range of global business activities including worldwide trading of various commodities, financial services, and project and company management, inter alia, within the offshore oil and gas industry,

— MOL is a Japanese multi-modal transport group specialising in a number of categories of global ocean shipping and related markets,

— AKOFS provides vessel-based installation and construction and well intervention services for subsea oil and gas developments.

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.

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

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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