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Subject: **Case M.10887 – INEOS / SINOPEC / JV**
Commission decision pursuant to Article 6(1)(b) of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004[1] and Article 57 of the Agreement on the European Economic Area[2]

Dear Sir or Madam,

1. On 30 September 2022, the European Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of the Merger Regulation, by which INEOS AG ('INEOS', Switzerland) and China Petroleum and Chemical Corporation ('Sinopec', China) will acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) and 3(4) of the Merger Regulation joint control of INEOS Sinopec HDPE (Tianjin) Limited ('INEOS Sinopec HDPE (Tianjin)', China), a newly created joint venture. The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.[3]

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

   – INEOS is a privately owned conglomerate company that produces a range of chemicals including petrochemicals, specialty chemicals and oil products,

   – Sinopec is a petroleum and petrochemical state-owned enterprise,

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1 OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the 'Merger Regulation'). With effect from 1 December 2009, the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union ('TFEU') has introduced certain changes, such as the replacement of 'Community' by 'Union' and 'common market' by 'internal market'. The terminology of the TFEU will be used throughout this decision.

2 OJ L 1, 3.1.1994, p. 3 (the 'EEA Agreement').

3 Publication in the Official Journal of the European Union No C 390, 11.10.2022, p. 4.

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– INEOS Sinopec HDPE (Tianjin) will develop, construct and operate a high-density polyethylene plant in China.

3. After examination of the notification, the European Commission has concluded that the notified operation falls within the scope of the Merger Regulation and of paragraph 5(a) of the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004.[4]

4. For the reasons set out in the Notice on a simplified procedure, the European Commission has decided not to oppose the notified operation and to declare it compatible with the internal market and with the EEA Agreement. This decision is adopted in application of Article 6(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation and Article 57 of the EEA Agreement.

For the Commission

(Signed)
Olivier GUERSENT
Director-General

4 OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.