Prior notification of a concentration

(Case COMP/M.1859 — ENI/GALP)

(2000/C 153/03)

(Text with EEA relevance)

1. On 24 May 2000 the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89 [1], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1310/97 [2], by which the Italian energy company ENI SpA, through its subsidiaries AgipPetroli SpA (AGIP), Snam SpA (SNAM) and Società Italiana per il Gas per Azioni (Italgas), acquires, together with the Portugueses State, within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Regulation, joint control of the undertaking GALP — Petróleos e Gás de Portugal, SGPS, SA (GALP) by purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— AGIP: exploration and production of crude oil and gas, refining and marketing of motor fuels, lubricants, petroleum products,

— SNAM: import, supply, transmission and wholesale distribution of gas,

— Italgas: retail distribution of natural gas and water,

— GALP: exploration and production of crude oil and gas, refining and marketing petroleum products and petrochemicals, transmission and distribution of gas.

3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified concentration could fall within the scope of Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89. However, the final decision on this point is reserved.

4. The Commission invites interested third parties to submit their possible observations on the proposed operation.

Observations must reach the Commission not later than 10 days following the date of this publication. Observations can be sent by fax (No (32-2) 296 43 01 or 296 72 44) or by post, under reference COMP/M.1859 — ENI/GALP, to:

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Directorate-General for Competition,
Directorate B — Merger Task Force,
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B-1040 Brussels.

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[1] OJ L 395, 30.12.1989, p. 1; corrigendum: OJ L 257, 21.9.1990, p. 13.

[2] OJ L 180, 9.7.1997, p. 1; corrigendum: OJ L 40, 13.2.1998, p. 17.