

PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case COMP/M.6082 — China National Bluestar/Elkem)

(Text with EEA relevance)

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1. On 24 February 2011, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾ by which the undertaking China National Bluestar Group Co., Ltd ('Bluestar', China), controlled by China National Chemical Corporation ('ChemChina', China) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of the whole of the undertaking Elkem AS ('Elkem', Norway) by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for Bluestar: production of new chemical materials, including silicones, petrochemicals, industrial cleaning products and membrane and water treatment products as well as scientific research. ChemChina also produces new and basic chemical materials, oil processing and refining products, agrochemicals, rubber products and chemical equipment,
- for Elkem: production and sale of silicon metal, ferrosilicon, carbon products, microsilica and other related businesses.

3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified transaction could fall within the scope the EC Merger Regulation. 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 to the Commission.

Observations must reach the Commission not later than 10 days following the date of this publication. Observations can be sent to the Commission by fax (+32 22964301), by e-mail to COMP-MERGER-REGISTRY@ec.europa.eu or by post, under reference number COMP/M.6082 — China National Bluestar/Elkem, to the following address:

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⁽¹⁾ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the 'EC Merger Regulation').