

PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION  
POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

**Prior notification of a concentration**

**(Case COMP/M.6612 — Vitol/AtlasInvest/Petroplus Marketing)**

**Candidate case for simplified procedure**

**(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2012/C 160/08)

1. On 21 May 2012, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 <sup>(1)</sup> by which the undertaking Vitol Holding BV ('Vitol', the Netherlands), and Alea Iacta Est BV ('AtlasInvest', the Netherlands), acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation joint control of certain assets currently controlled by the Petroplus Group ('Petroplus Marketing', Switzerland) by way of purchase of shares and assets.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for Vitol: trading of commodities and financial instruments relating in particular to oil and gas, operation of storage terminals and exploration and production of oil and gas,
- for AtlasInvest: private investment, primarily in conventional oil and gas,
- for Petroplus Marketing: the Cressier refinery (and associated infrastructure) together with Petroplus' wholesale marketing business in Switzerland.

3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified transaction could fall within the scope of the EC 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 EC Merger Regulation <sup>(2)</sup> 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. Observations can be sent to the Commission by fax (+32 22964301), by email to COMP-MERGER-REGISTRY@ec.europa.eu or by post, under reference number COMP/M.6612 — Vitol/AtlasInvest/Petroplus Marketing, to the following address:

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the 'EC Merger Regulation').

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ C 56, 5.3.2005, p. 32 ('Notice on a simplified procedure').