

**Prior notification of a concentration****(Case COMP/M.6575 — Glencore International/Viterra)****Candidate case for simplified procedure****(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2012/C 166/05)

1. On 4 June 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 Glencore International plc ('Glencore', headquartered in Switzerland) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of the whole of the undertaking Viterra Inc. ('Viterra', Canada) by way of purchase of shares.
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
  - Glencore is a commodities trading and mining company active in the supply of a wide range of commodities and raw materials, including metals, minerals, oil and oil products, coal and agricultural products, to industrial customers worldwide. Through its agricultural products business segment Glencore originates and markets wheat, corn, barley, rice, oilseeds, meals, edible oils, biodiesel, cotton and sugar. Glencore also provides financing, logistics and other supply chain services,
  - Viterra is a global agribusiness active in grain handling and marketing, food processing and the sale of agriproducts. Through its grain handling and marketing operations Viterra accumulates, stores, transports and markets grains, oilseeds and special crops including wheat, barley, rapeseed, oats, pulses and flax.
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.6575 — Glencore International/Viterra, 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').