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(Announcements)

PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case COMP/M.6656 — Gunvor Ingolstadt/Gunvor Deutschland/Petroplus Assets)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2012/C 203/07)

1. On 2 July 2012, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ([1]) by which the Gunvor Group Ltd ('Gunvor', Cyprus) will indirectly acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of all the assets of the insolvent companies Petroplus Raffinerie Ingolstadt GmbH, Petroplus Deutschland GmbH and Petroplus Bayern GmbH ('the Target Business', Germany), by way of purchase of assets.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for Gunvor: active in the trade, transport and storage of crude oil, refined mineral oil products and other energy products,

— for the Target Business: refining of crude oil and marketing and distribution of mineral oil products and petrochemical products to national and international wholesalers and industrial customers, as well as small and medium sized enterprises and households.

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 ([2]) 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.

([1]) OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the 'EC Merger Regulation').
([2]) OJ C 56, 5.3.2005, p. 32 ('Notice on a simplified procedure').

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.6656 — Gunvor Ingolstadt/Gunvor Deutschland/Petroplus Assets, to the following address:

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