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EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration**(Case COMP/M.6541 — Glencore/Xstrata)****(Text with EEA relevance)**

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1. On 2 October 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 undertaking Glencore International Plc ('Glencore', incorporated in Jersey and headquartered in Switzerland) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of the whole of the undertaking Xstrata Plc ('Xstrata', Switzerland) by way of purchase of shares.
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
 - Glencore produces and trades a wide range of commodities and raw materials. Glencore's business is organised around three segments: (i) metals and minerals — e.g. aluminium, alumina, zinc, copper, lead, ferroalloys, nickel, cobalt, and iron ore; (ii) energy products — e.g. crude oil, oil products, coal and coke; (iii) agricultural products — e.g. wheat, maize, barley, edible oils, oilseeds, cotton and sugar,
 - Xstrata is a natural resources group, which comprises five major businesses: (i) an alloys business, comprising ferrochrome and vanadium operations and a platinum group metals business; (ii) a coal business; (iii) a copper business; (iv) a nickel business; (v) a zinc-lead business.
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.6541 — Glencore/Xstrata, to the following address:

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