

Prior notification of a concentration
(Case COMP/M.7090 — Vopak/Swedegas/GO4LNG JV)
Candidate case for simplified procedure
(Text with EEA relevance)
(2013/C 332/05)

1. On 8 November 2013, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾ by which Vopak LNG Holding Sweden BV, controlled by Koninklijke Vopak NV ('Vopak', The Netherlands) and Swedegas AB ('Swedegas', Sweden) acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation joint control over GO4LNG Göteborg AB ('GO4LNG', Sweden) by way of a purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for Vopak: a worldwide independent tank storage provider, specialized in the storage and handling of liquid chemicals, gases and oil products,
- for Swedegas: it is the certified Transmission System Operator for the Swedish high-pressure Swedish Transmission System,
- for GO4LNG: it will build, own, maintain and operate a Liquefied Natural Gas distribution terminal in Gothenburg (Sweden).

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.

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.7090 — Vopak/Swedegas/GO4LNG JV, to the following address:

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⁽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').