

**Prior notification of a concentration**  
**(Case COMP/M.7096 — Eni ULX/Liverpool Bay JV)**  
**Candidate case for simplified procedure**  
**(Text with EEA relevance)**  
(2013/C 349/07)

1. On 22 November 2013, 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 Eni ULX Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of Eni SpA ('ENI', Italy), acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control over Liverpool Bay Ltd ('LBL', UK) by way of a purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for ENI: an Italian integrated energy group operating worldwide in the activities of finding, producing, transporting, transforming and marketing oil and gas, electricity generation, petrochemicals, oilfield services, construction and engineering industries,
- for LBL: active in the offshore production of oil and gas fields located in Liverpool Bay, UK.

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.7096 — Eni ULX/Liverpool Bay JV, 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').