

PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.7417 — Sime Darby / New Britain Palm Oil)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2014/C 457/08)

1. On 10 December 2014, 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 Sime Darby Plantation Sdn Bhd (Malaysia), belonging to Sime Darby Bhd (Malaysia), acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of the whole of the undertaking New Britain Palm Oil Limited ('NBPOL', Papua New Guinea) by way of public bid announced on 9 October 2014. The same concentration was already notified to the Commission on 31 October 2014, but the notification was subsequently withdrawn on 27 November 2014.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for Sime Darby Bhd: plantation and production of palm oil, sales and rental of industrial equipment, sales of motors, property development, energy and utilities,
- for NBPOL: plantation, production and processing of palm oil, and production of sugar, beef and oil palm seeds.

3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified transaction could fall within the scope of the 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 M.7417 — Sime Darby / New Britain Palm Oil, to the following address:

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