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## PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

## **EUROPEAN COMMISSION**

## Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.7579 — Royal Dutch Shell/Keele Oy/Aviation Fuelling Services Norway)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2015/C 165/05)

- 1. On 12 May 2015, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 (¹) by which Shell Exploration and Production Holding B.V. ('SEPH', the Netherlands), ultimately controlled by Royal Dutch Shell plc ('RDS', United Kingdom), and St1 Group Oy and St1 Nordic Oy (collectively, 'St1', Finland) controlled by Keele Oy, will acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) and Article 3(4) of the Merger Regulation joint control of Aviation Fuelling Services Norway AS ('AFSN', Norway), currently a 100 % subsidiary of SEPH, by way of purchase of shares.
- 2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
- for SEPH: worldwide exploration, production and sale of oil products and chemicals, power generation, and the production of energy from renewable sources,
- for St1 Group Oy: manufacture, distribution and sale of liquid fuels in Sweden and traffic fuels to consumers and the corporate sector in the Nordic countries,
- for AFSN: the marketing and sale of aviation fuel in Norway.
- 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 ( $\pm$ 32 22964301), by email to COMP-MERGER-REGISTRY@ec.europa.eu or by post, under reference number M.7579 — Royal Dutch Shell/Keele Oy/Aviation Fuelling Services Norway, to the following address:

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