

Prior notification of a concentration
(Case M.8746 — EG Group/ESSO Germany Business)
Candidate case for simplified procedure
(Text with EEA relevance)
(2018/C 4/06)

1. On 21 December 2017, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾.

This notification concerns the following undertakings:

- EG Group (UK), jointly controlled by TDR Capital LLP (50 %), a private equity firm, and two individuals (50 %),
- ESSO Germany Business (Germany), belonging to Exxon Mobil Corporation.

EG Group acquires, within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation, control over parts of ESSO Deutschland GmbH, a wholly owned subsidiary of Exxon Mobil Corporation.

The concentration is accomplished by way of a purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- EG Group is a holding company operating under the 'EG' brand, active in the operation of fuel stations with ancillary backcourt convenience retail, car wash, fast food, restaurant and hotel offerings in the UK, Belgium, France, Luxembourg and the Netherlands,
- ESSO Germany Business is active in the retail sales of motor fuels via a nationwide network of fuel stations located in Germany.

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.

Pursuant to the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under the Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽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. The following reference should always be specified:

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

⁽²⁾ OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.