PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMPETITION POLICY

COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration
(Case COMP/M.4609 — Shell/Coller Capital/STV)
Candidate case for simplified procedure
(Text with EEA relevance)
(2007/C 50/06)

1. On 22 February 2007, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 (1) by which the undertakings Shell Technology Ventures B.V. (‘STV’, the Netherlands) controlled by Royal Dutch Shell plc (‘Shell’, the Netherlands) and Coller Capital (‘Coller’, Luxemburg) through its affiliate Coller Partners 502 S.C.A. acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation joint control of Shell Technology Ventures Fund 1 B.V. (‘the Fund’, the Netherlands) presently wholly owned by STV), by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
   — for STV: oil and technology venture;
   — for Shell: global group of oil, gas and petrochemical companies;
   — for Coller: private equity investments.

3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified transaction could fall within the scope of Regulation (EC) No 139/2004. However, the final decision on this point is reserved. Pursuant to the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under 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. Observations can be sent to the Commission by fax (fax No (32-2) 296 43 01 or 296 72 44) or by post, under reference number COMP/M.4609 — Shell/Coller Capital/STV, to the following address:

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(2) OJ C 56, 5.3.2005, p. 32.