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Non-opposition to a notified concentration
(Case M.7871 — Bombardier/CDPQ/Bombardier Transportation UK)
(Text with EEA relevance)
(2016/C 155/01)

On 29 January 2016, the Commission decided not to oppose the above notified concentration and to declare it compatible with the internal market. This decision is based on Article 6(1)(b) of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 (1). The full text of the decision is available only in the English language and will be made public after it is cleared of any business secrets it may contain. It will be available:

— In the merger section of the Competition website of the Commission (http://ec.europa.eu/competition/mergers/cases/). This website provides various facilities to help locate individual merger decisions, including company, case number, date and sectoral indexes.

— In electronic form on the EUR-Lex website (http://eur-lex.europa.eu/homepage.html?locale=en) under document number 32016M7871. EUR-Lex is the online access to European law.


Non-opposition to a notified concentration
(Case M.7951 — Shire/Baxalta)
(Text with EEA relevance)
(2016/C 155/02)

On 26 April 2016, the Commission decided not to oppose the above notified concentration and to declare it compatible with the internal market. This decision is based on Article 6(1)(b) of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 (1). The full text of the decision is available only in the English language and will be made public after it is cleared of any business secrets it may contain. It will be available:

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— In electronic form on the EUR-Lex website (http://eur-lex.europa.eu/homepage.html?locale=en) under document number 32016M7951. EUR-Lex is the online access to European law.

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Euro exchange rates (*)
29 April 2016
(2016/C 155/03)

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The European Court of Auditors hereby informs you that Special Report No 7/2016 ‘The European External Action Service’s management of its buildings around the world’ has just been published.

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ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

CALL FOR PROPOSALS — EACEA 27/2016
EU Aid Volunteers initiative: Technical Assistance for sending organisations
Capacity Building for humanitarian aid of hosting organisations
(2016/C 155/06)

The Regulation (EU) No 375/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 3 April 2014 establishing the European Voluntary Humanitarian Aid Corps ('EU Aid Volunteers initiative') (1) (hereinafter referred to as 'the EU Aid Volunteers initiative') establishes a framework for joint contributions from European volunteers to support and complement humanitarian aid in third countries.

In this framework, the present call for proposals will provide funding through support for actions aimed at strengthening the capacity of prospective hosting organisations to prepare and respond to humanitarian crises. In addition it will provide support for actions aimed at strengthening the technical capacity of prospective sending organisations to participate in the EU Aid Volunteers initiative.

1. Objectives
The objective of this call is to strengthen the capacities of sending and hosting organisations intending to participate in the EU Aid Volunteers initiative and to ensure compliance with the standards and procedures regarding candidate volunteers and EU Aid Volunteers in order to apply for certification which is required in order to deploy EU Aid Volunteers.

With this call, the European Commission expects to achieve the following results:
Capacities of around 115 sending and hosting organisations are strengthened in areas such as:
— Disaster risk management, preparedness and response,
— Linking relief, rehabilitation and development (LRRD),
— Strengthening local volunteering in third countries,
— Capacities to undergo certification including administrative capacity,
— Capacity to provide early warning to local communities.

2. Budget available
The total budget earmarked for the co-financing of projects is estimated at EUR 7 960 000.

The maximum grant will be EUR 700 000. Each grant will amount to between EUR 100 000 and EUR 700 000.

Grant requests below EUR 100 000 will not be considered for funding. The Agency expects to fund 23 proposals.

The Agency reserves the right not to distribute all the funds available.

3. Eligible bodies
Only applications that fulfil the eligibility criteria will be considered for a grant. If an application is deemed ineligible, a letter indicating the reasons will be sent to the applicant.

Applications which comply with the following criteria will be subject of an in-depth evaluation.

3.1. **Eligible applicants**

Proposals for both, Technical Assistance and Capacity Building activities, must be submitted by:

— non-governmental not-for-profit organisations formed in accordance with the law of a Member State and whose headquarters are located within the Union, or

— public law bodies of a civilian character governed by the law of a Member State, or

— the International Federation of National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

Only applications from legal entities established in the following countries are eligible:

— the Member States of the European Union: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, the United Kingdom.

For both Technical Assistance and Capacity Building activities, the applicant in each project is active in the field of humanitarian aid as defined in Article 3(d) of the Regulation (EU) No 375/2014 (*) for at least 3 years.

3.2. **Eligibility criteria**

Applicants may submit projects for both Technical Assistance and Capacity Building. In this case, applicants shall indicate in their application that they apply for both actions.

For both actions, partners must submit a mandate to be signed by the persons authorised to enter into legally binding commitments, thereby enabling the applicant to act on behalf of the partners.

Applicant and partner organisations will be referred to hereafter as 'the Consortium'.

3.2.1. **Technical Assistance**

The Partner organisations shall belong to any of the following categories:

— non-governmental not-for-profit organisations formed in accordance with the law of a Member State and whose headquarters are located within the Union, or

— public law bodies of a civilian character, or

— the International Federation of National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

Projects are designed and implemented by transnational consortia involving entities from at least three countries participating in the programme and belonging to one of the categories mentioned in Article 10(3)(c) of the Regulation (EU) No 375/2014.

— At least one applicant or partner in each project must have been active in the field of volunteer management for at least 3 years.

3.2.2. **Capacity Building**

The Partner organisations shall belong to any of the following categories:

— non-governmental not-for-profit organisations operating or established in a third country under the laws in force in that country, or

— public law bodies of a civilian character, or

— international agencies and organisations.

(*) 'Humanitarian aid' means activities and operations in third countries intended to provide needs-based emergency assistance aimed at preserving life, preventing and alleviating human suffering, and maintaining human dignity in the face of man-made crises or natural disasters. It encompasses assistance, relief and protection operations in humanitarian crises or their immediate aftermath, supporting measures to ensure access to people in need and to facilitate the free flow of assistance, as well as actions aimed at reinforcing disaster preparedness and disaster risk reduction, and contributing towards strengthening resilience and capacity to cope with, and recover from, crises.
— Projects are designed and implemented by transnational partnerships involving entities from at least three countries participating in the programme belonging to one of the categories mentioned in the Regulation (EU) No 375/2014 (Article 10(3)(c)) and at least three third countries in which humanitarian aid activities and operations as per Article (3)(d) take place and which belong to one of the categories mentioned under Article 10(4)(c).

— In each project, in addition to the applicant, partners from countries participating in the programme must have been active in the field of humanitarian aid as defined in Article 3(d) of the Regulation (EU) No 375/2014 for at least 3 years.

— In each project, at least two partners from third countries in which humanitarian aid activities and operations take place are active in the field of humanitarian aid as defined in Article 3(d) of the Regulation (EU) No 375/2014.

— At least one applicant or partner from countries participating in the programme in each project must have been active in the field of volunteer management for at least 3 years.

3.2.3. Associates

The associates are other organisations and entities who may be involved in the action. Such associates play a real role in the action (they are for example specialised capacity building and/or technical assistance providers). They have no contractual relationship with the Agency and do not have to meet the eligibility criteria referred to in this section. If the application is selected for funding, associates will not receive a portion of the grant through the applicant. They may be for example private for profit companies. The associates have to be mentioned in the e-form.

4. Eligible activities

Eligible activities include:

— Study/scoping visits to refine and finalise needs assessment of the action,

— Activities to build/strengthen capacities,

— Training courses for third country trainers/coaches/mentors/multipliers,

— Seminars and workshops,

— Job shadowing,

— Twinning arrangements and exchange of staff,

— Exchange of good practices,

— Study visits,

— Activities to foster partnership building.

Additional eligible activities per sub-action:

— Technical Assistance

— Coaching/mentoring of key sending organisation paid staff.

— Capacity Building

— Training courses for third country trainers/coaches/mentors/multipliers,

— Study visits of up to 3 months for key paid staff or volunteers from third countries to be based in European applicant/partner organisations.

— Technical capacity building on humanitarian operations focusing on:

— Needs assessment methodologies/information management,

— Disaster risk management,

— Disaster risk reduction/disaster preparedness,
— Crisis response (and related sectors),
— Linking relief, rehabilitation and development,
— Resilience and climate change adaptation.

5. **Award criteria** (1)

Eligible applications will be assessed on the basis of the following criteria:

— Relevance of the project (maximum 30 points)
— Quality of the project design and implementation (maximum 30 points)
— Quality and relevance of the partnership and cooperation arrangements (maximum 20 points)
— Impact and dissemination (maximum 20 points)

Projects scoring less than 60 overall points will not be considered for funding.

All projects, regardless whether they cover capacity building or technical assistance will be ranked according to the number of points they reach.

6. **Deadline for submission of applications**

Grant applications must be drawn up in one of the EU official languages, using the electronic form (e-form) specifically designed for this purpose. The e-form is presented on the internet at the following address: [https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/documents/efoms_en](https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/documents/efoms_en)

The electronic application form duly completed must be received by 12.00 (midday, Brussels time) on 4 July 2016. After this time, the online application system will be closed.

Applicants may submit projects for both Technical Assistance and Capacity Building. In this case, applicants shall indicate in their application that they apply for both actions. No modifications to the application are allowed once the deadline for submission has elapsed. However, if there is a need to clarify certain aspects or for the correction of clerical mistakes, the EACEA may contact the applicant for this purpose during the evaluation process.

Applications sent by post, fax or email will not be accepted.

7. **Additional information**

Applications must comply with the provisions contained in the application guidelines — Call for proposals EACEA 27/2016, be submitted on the e-form provided for this purpose and contain the relevant annexes.

The said documents can be found on the internet at the following address:

[https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/eu-aid-volunteers/funding_en](https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/eu-aid-volunteers/funding_en)

In case of questions, please contact: EACEA-EUAID-VOLUNTEERS@ec.europa.eu

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(1) Article 132 FR, 203 RAP.
PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration
(Case M.8027 — Investindustrial/Catelli/Artsana)
Candidate case for simplified procedure
(Text with EEA relevance)
(2016/C 155/07)

1. On 25 April 2016, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 (1) by which the investment funds Investindustrial V LP and Investindustrial VI LP (together ‘Investindustrial’, the United Kingdom), belonging to BI-Invest Holdings SA, and Catelli Srl (‘Catelli’, Italy) acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation joint control of the undertaking Artsana SpA (‘Artsana’, Italy) by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for BI-Invest Holdings SA: ownership, management of and investment in medium-size companies that are leaders in their fields, predominantly in Southern Europe and across three main sectors: consumer, industrial manufacturing and services. The current portfolio of companies includes Aston Martin (sports cars), B&B Italia (designer furniture), Flos (architectural lighting), Goldcar (holiday car rental), Perfume Holding (fragrances), Polyn (specialty chemicals), PortAventura (leisure resort), Sergio Rossi (luxury shoes), SNAI (games and betting), Stroili Oro (affordable jewellery) and TSC (emergency rescue services),
— for Catelli: exercise, as a holding company, of sole control over Artsana,
— for Artsana: supply of baby care, health and beauty products, as well as retail sale of baby care products and toys.

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 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 this 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 M.8027 — Investindustrial/Catelli/Artsana, to the following address:

European Commission
Directorate-General for Competition
Merger Registry
1049 Bruxelles/Brussel
BELGIQUE/BELGIÉ

OTHER ACTS

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Publication of an application pursuant to Article 50(2)(a) of Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council on quality schemes for agricultural products and foodstuffs

(2016/C 155/08)

This publication confers the right to oppose the application pursuant to Article 51 of Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council (¹).

SINGLE DOCUMENT

‘ORIEL SEA MINERALS’

EU No: IE-PDO-0005-01319 – 26.02.2015

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1. Name(s)

‘Oriel Sea Minerals’

2. Member State or Third Country

Ireland

3. Description of the agricultural product or foodstuff

3.1. Type of product

Class 2.6. Salt

3.2. Description of product to which the name in 1 applies

‘Oriel Sea Minerals’ is the name given to concentrated sea mineral salts in liquid form harvested from the bay of Port Oriel, Clogherhead, Drogheda, County Louth, Ireland. It is a concentrated blend of Macro and Trace Minerals that is a clear (sometimes slightly yellow in colour dependent on the time of year harvested) and slightly viscous liquid form. It is additive free. It has an oily feel and texture to the touch yet there are no oils present. The viscosity of the sea minerals is between 4.00 – 5.15 mPa at temperature of 25 degrees and spindle speed of 50 rpm (+/- 10 %). Its concentrated liquid form allows it to be diluted in most beverages, juices or plain water at a ratio of between 100-1 and 1 000-1 dependent on the need.

Due to its liquid form the minerals and trace elements are in an elemental ionised state (that is before they are bound by any Ligands such as sulphate, citrate, oxide, etc.). The system employed allows Oriel to harvest the ocean waters for these minerals and to concentrate them.

The minerals when taken in their concentrated state have a powerful mineral salty taste however when diluted in water, juice or other beverage at the correct ratio the minerals dissipate leaving almost no aftertaste. ‘Oriel Sea Minerals’ are an excellent food supplement delivering a perfect balance and ratio of minerals to the body through the medium of water or liquid making absorption and nutrient benefit more effective.

Certificate of Analysis for ‘Oriel Sea Minerals’. ‘Oriel Sea Minerals’ is within +/- 10 % of the table below.

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### Oriel Sea Minerals Analysis

Testing: ICP MS

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3.3. **Feed (for products of animal origin only) and raw materials (for processed products only)**

Sea Minerals naturally harvested from the Irish Sea.

3.4. **Specific steps in production that must take place in the identified geographical area**

Production and process steps:

All processes of harvesting, evaporation, separation and crystallisation are performed in the designated area, under controlled and monitored conditions to ensure consistency in the end products. This includes:

— Pumping and filtration of sea water through filter system.
— Removal of majority of Sea Salt following concentration of brine in a closed pressurised system.
— Concentration of sea minerals in a high-pressure system.
— Harvesting of concentrated sea minerals.

3.5. **Specific rules concerning slicing, grating, packaging, etc. of the product the registered name refers to**

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3.6. **Specific rules concerning labelling of the product the registered name refers to**

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Concise definition of the geographical area

Port Oriel, Clogherhead is located on the Northwest side of the headland Clogher Head that protrudes out into deep water straits. The specific demarcated area stretches from the Southern most tip of Clogher Head with Latitude = 53.79497° (north), Longitude = -6.21778° (west), Latitude = 53°47′42″ (north), Longitude = 6°13′04″ (west) to the Northern tip of Dunany Point Latitude = 53.86144° (north), Longitude = -6.23838° (west), Latitude = 53°51′41″ (north), Longitude = 6°14′18″ (west). A distance of 5 nautical miles located within the Dundalk bay Live Bivalve Mollusc Classified Production Areas 2013, Area Code LH-DB-DB, as issued by The Sea Fisheries Protection Authority.

Link with the geographical area

The Sea Minerals are characteristic of its origin in its mineral ratio, balance, taste and appearance. Just as grapes are affected by terroir and weather, Oriel Sea Minerals are affected by the deep water currents, cleanliness, mineral content and purity of the water in this location and of the process used to make, preserve and refine these characteristics.

Harvesting of sea salts in this region dates back centuries. The following is from the County Louth Archaeological and Historical Journal. 'On 28 January 1667 Viscount Dungannon leased a parcel of land lying neere ye towne of Carlingforde for erection of saltworks to Colonel Cooke of Chiswick in Middlesex as a salt manufacturer'. For hundreds of years Port Oriel has been synonymous with abundant fishing waters with locals fishing deep-water fish directly from the rocks and harbour. Salt was a vital ingredient in preserving fish landed at the harbour for consumption, storage and subsequent transport to market. (pt mp 16 pm near Newry Street on the 1797 map had a salt works on it, with local documented facts detailing the salt/sluice gates also recorded).

The Gulf Stream flows up the West Coast of Ireland and when it meets the cooler waters of the Norwegian Sea it wraps around the North and North Eastern headland to its final destination, five miles beyond the Bay at Port Oriel. At this point the current ends as it meets the massive outflow of the River Boyne (Ireland's second largest river).

Port Oriel is situated on the northwest side of the headland Clogher Head that protrudes directly out into deep water straits. In tests, the salinity in these waters is comparable to that normally only found in deep sea water. This high salinity has been linked with the unusual deep sea currents of the Gulf Stream in the area. The water at Port Oriel has been consistently tested at a density 3.5% – 3.6% which is consistent with deeper waters.

The waters of Port Oriel have consistently been rated as Grade ‘A’ International Shellfish Quality, the purest of the sea, for many years by The Marine Institute of Ireland. The harvesting of mussels, clams, crab, lobsters and razor fish is a vibrant business in and around the bay of Port Oriel and this vibrancy of shellfish also contributes to the high quality and mineral content of the water. Indeed this region is within the boundaries of Dundalk Bay Live Bivalve Mollusc Classified Production Areas 2014, Area Code LH-DB-DB. As issued by The Sea Fisheries Protection Authority for the harvesting of Clams and Razor Fish.

The qualities of ‘Oriel Sea Minerals’ are directly linked to the unusual deep sea currents in the geographical location, the high mineral content not usually found in such shallow waters and due to the Gulf Stream currents and the tidal movements that move around the northern coast of Ireland into the larger Dundalk bay and consequently to the bay of Port Oriel. This high quality and mineral content water is then harvested and refined through the process employed where it is untouched by air, earth or human touch until it emerges as a concentrated compound rich in minerals.

Summary:

The sea minerals produced are characteristic of its origin with a direct relationship to the salinity, quality and density of the minerals in the water in this region. This is reflected in the mineral content ratio, balance, quality and purity of Oriel Sea Minerals.

Reference to publication of the specification

(the second subparagraph of Article 6(1) of this Regulation)

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