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EUROPEAN COMMISSION

**Euro exchange rates (1)**

3 May 2019

(2019/C 154/01)

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(1) Source: reference exchange rate published by the ECB.
Communication from the Commission
(2019/C 154/02)

The 2023 European Capital of Culture in Hungary is Veszprém.
Pursuant to Article 15(3) of the Hydrocarbon Exploration and Exploitation Act (Narodne Novine (NN; Official Gazette of the Republic of Croatia) No 52/2018) and the Decision of the Government of the Republic of Croatia on launching a tender procedure for the granting of licences for the onshore exploration and exploitation of hydrocarbons (Class: 022-03/18-04/327, Ref. No 50301-25/06-18-3), on 31 October 2018 the Croatian Hydrocarbon Agency, on behalf of the Republic of Croatia, published the following:

NOTICE OF A TENDER PROCEDURE FOR THE GRANTING OF LICENCES FOR ONSHORE EXPLORATION AND EXPLOITATION OF HYDROCARBONS

The Government of the Republic of Croatia invites all interested persons to submit bids for licences for the exploration and exploitation of hydrocarbons in respect of the onshore exploration blocks on offer.

The tender documentation and all information and notices relating to the procedure shall be published on the official websites of the Ministry of the Protection of the Environment and Energy — www.mzoe.hr and the Hydrocarbon Agency — www.azu.hr.

1. Basic information regarding licences
Licences for the exploration and exploitation of hydrocarbons are issued in respect of onshore exploration blocks. Licences for the exploration and exploitation of hydrocarbons grant investors the right to carry out exploration of hydrocarbons in a specific exploration block and to enter into contracts for the exploration and exploitation of hydrocarbons, as well as the direct award of the hydrocarbon extraction licence, provided that they fulfil all the conditions laid down in the Hydrocarbon Exploration and Exploitation Act.

Licences for the exploration and exploitation of hydrocarbons shall be granted to successful bidders for a maximum period of thirty (30) years, which includes both the exploration period and the exploitation period, starting on the date that the contract enters into force.

Investors shall, in accordance with the conditions set out in the licence, enter into a contract with the Government of the Republic of Croatia for the exploration of hydrocarbons and the sharing of exploitation benefits within six (6) months from the date of issue of the licence for the exploration and exploitation of hydrocarbons.

2. Information regarding exploration blocks
The tender procedure for licences for the onshore exploration and exploitation of hydrocarbons will be carried out in respect of seven exploration blocks:

1. Exploration block Drava-03 (DR-03)
2. Exploration block Sava-06 (SA-06)
3. Exploration block Sava-07 (SA-07)
4. Exploration block Sava-11 (SA-11)
5. Exploration block Sava-12 (SA-12)
6. Exploration block Sjeverozapadna Hrvatska-01 [North-western Croatia-01] (SZH-01)
7. Exploration block Sjeverozapadna Hrvatska-05 [North-western Croatia-05] (SZH-05)
Maps and coordinates of the exploration blocks are provided in the tender documentation.

3. Indicative date/deadline for granting licences
Bids must be submitted by 28 June 2019 and the indicative deadline for granting licences is 31 October 2019.
4. **Criteria for the selection of bidders**

Under Article 2(2) of Directive 94/22/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 1994 on the conditions for granting and using authorisations for the prospection, exploration and production of hydrocarbons (OJ L 164, 30.6.1994, p. 3) in relation to national security and in accordance with Article 19 of the Hydrocarbon Exploration and Exploitation Act, the criteria to be taken into consideration in order to select the most advantageous bidder are:

1. the technical, financial and professional competence of the bidder;

2. how the bidder intends to carry out the activities covered by the licence for the exploration and exploitation of hydrocarbons;

3. the overall quality of the bid submitted;

4. the financial conditions offered by the bidder in exchange for the licence for the exploration and exploitation of hydrocarbons; and

5. any lack of efficiency or responsibility in any form displayed by the bidder in other countries and in previous activities covered by a licence for the exploration and exploitation of hydrocarbons.

Another criterion for selecting the bidder is the fee for entering into the contract for the exploration and exploitation of hydrocarbons, the minimum amount of which is laid down in the regulation referred to in Article 51 of the Hydrocarbon Exploration and Exploitation Act.

If, following an evaluation on the basis of the criteria under the Hydrocarbon Exploration and Exploitation Act, two or more bids are of equal merit, other relevant, objective and non-discriminatory criteria shall be taken into account for the final decision.

Chair of the Management Board

Marijan KRPAN
PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration
(Case M.9239 — Evonik/Peroxychem)
(Text with EEA relevance)
(2019/C 154/04)

1. On 24 April 2019, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 (1) and following a referral pursuant to Article 4(5) of the Merger Regulation by which Evonik Industries AG ('Evonik', Germany), controlled by RAG Stiftung (Germany), acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of the whole of Peroxychem Holdings L.P. ('Peroxychem', USA) by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
   — for Evonik: the production and marketing of specialty chemicals, focusing on products in the areas of nutrition and care, resource efficiency and performance materials,
   — for Peroxychem: the production and supply of hydrogen peroxide, persulfates and peracetic acid, as well as the resale of sulphur derivatives.

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. The following reference should always be specified:
   M.9239 — Evonik/Peroxychem

Observations can be sent to the Commission by email, by fax, or by post. Please use the contact details below:
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(1) OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the 'Merger Regulation').
Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.9234 — Harris Corporation/L3 Technologies)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2019/C 154/05)

1. On 26 April 2019, 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:
— Harris Corporation (‘Harris’) (USA)
— L3 Technologies, Inc. (‘L3’) (USA)

Harris acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of the whole of L3. The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
— for Harris: international aerospace and defence technology supplier of products, systems and services for defence, civil government and commercial applications,
— for L3: international aerospace and defence company supplying intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance, communications and electronic systems for military, homeland security and commercial aviation customers.

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. The following reference should always be specified:
M.9234 — Harris Corporation/L3 Technologies

Observations can be sent to the Commission by email, by fax, or by post. Please use the contact details below:

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Notice to undertakings intending to place hydrofluorocarbons in bulk on the market in the European Union in 2020

(2019/C 154/06)

1. This Notice is addressed to any undertaking wishing to make a declaration to place hydrofluorocarbons in bulk on the market in the Union in 2020, in accordance with Articles 16(2) and 16(4) of Regulation (EU) No 517/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council (1) (hereafter ‘the Regulation’):

(a) producers and importers for which a reference value has been determined for the period 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2020 by Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2017/1984 (2);

(b) all other producers and importers that intend to place at least 100 tonnes of CO\textsubscript{2} equivalent of hydrofluorocarbons in bulk on the Union market in 2020.

2. Hydrofluorocarbons means substances listed in section 1 of Annex I to the Regulation, or mixtures containing any of these substances:


3. Any placing on the market of these substances, except for the uses listed in Article 15(2) points (a) to (f) of the Regulation or a total annual quantity of these substances of less than 100 tonnes of CO\textsubscript{2} equivalent per year, is subject to quantitative limits under the quota system laid down in Articles 15 and 16 as well as Annexes V and VI to the Regulation.

4. The Commission allocates quota to the undertakings concerned. The United Kingdom submitted on 29 March 2017 the notification of its intention to withdraw from the Union pursuant to Article 50 of the Treaty on European Union. As of the withdrawal date, hydrofluorocarbons placed on the market of the United Kingdom are no longer within the scope of Regulation (EU) No 517/2014 and do no longer count towards the quota allocated by the Commission to producers and importers (4).

5. All data submitted by companies, quotas and reference values are stored in the electronic HFC Registry set up in accordance with Article 17 of the Regulation, which is accessible online via the ‘F-gas Portal and HFC Licensing System’ (5). All data in the HFC Registry including quotas, reference values, commercial and personal data will be treated as confidential by the European Commission.

6. Importers must at the time of release for free circulation of HFCs have a valid registration as importers of bulk HFCs in the HFC Registry accessible online via the ‘F-gas Portal and HFC Licensing System’ (6) in accordance with Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/661 (7). Such a registration is also considered an obligatory licence for import. A similar licence is needed for exporting HFCs (8).

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(4) See Brexit preparedness notices https://ec.europa.eu/info/brexit/brexit-preparedness/preparedness-notices_en


(8) See also Article 1.2 of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/1375.
7. Importers should be specified as 'Consignee' (box 8) on the Single Administrative Document (SAD). Importers are strongly encouraged to specify the amounts of HFCs in CO₂ equivalents at the time of release for free circulation directly in the SAD (box 44) as this may greatly facilitate the custom clearance of their goods and establishment of their compliance with Regulation (EU) No 517/2014.

**For producers and importers for which a reference value has been determined, as referred to in point 1 a) of this notice, only:**

8. Such undertakings will receive 89 % of 63 % (i.e. 56.07 %) of their relevant reference value as quota for 2020, according to Article 16(5) as well as Annexes V and VI to the Regulation.

**For all undertakings, as referred to in point 1 a) and b) of this notice:**

9. According to Annex VI to the Regulation, the sum of the quotas allocated on the basis of reference values according to paragraph 8 above is subtracted from the maximum quantity available for 2020 to determine the quantity to be allocated from the reserve.

10. Undertakings wishing to obtain quota from this reserve need to follow the procedure described in points 11 to 14 of this notice.

11. According to Articles 16(2) and 17(1) of the Regulation, the undertaking needs to have a valid registration profile, approved by the Commission in accordance with Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/661, as a producer and/or importer of hydrofluorocarbons in the online HFC Registry, accessible via the ‘F-gas Portal and HFC Licensing System’ (9). In order to ensure due treatment of the application for registration, including the possible need for additional information, such an application must be made at the very latest one month before the start of the declaration period, i.e. before 17 May 2019 (see point (12). For any applications received after this deadline it cannot be ensured that a final decision on the application for registration can be made before the end of the declaration period (see point (12). For companies that are not yet registered, guidance on how to register is available on the DG CLIMA website (10).

12. The undertaking must make a declaration on (additional) anticipated quantities for 2020 in the electronic HFC Registry accessible online via the ‘F-gas Portal and HFC Licensing System’ (11) in the declaration period from 17 June to 17 July 2019, 13.00 CET.

13. Only duly completed declarations on (additional) anticipated quantities that are free of errors and received before 17 July 2019, 13.00 CET will be considered as valid by the Commission.

14. Based on these declarations, the Commission will allocate quota to these undertakings in accordance with Article 16(2), 16(4) and 16(5) as well as Annexes V and VI to the Regulation.

15. Article 7 of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/661 stipulates that for the purpose of the quota allocation for placing hydrofluorocarbons on the market pursuant to Article 16(5) of Regulation (EU) No 517/2014, all undertakings with the same beneficial owner(s) shall be considered as one single declarant in accordance with Article 16(2) and (4) of the Regulation.

16. The Commission will inform the undertakings about the total allocated quota for 2020 via the HFC Registry within the ‘F-gas Portal & HFC Licensing System’.

17. The registration in the HFC Registry accessible via the ‘F-gas Portal & HFC Licensing System’ and/or a declaration on intention to place hydrofluorocarbons on the market in 2020 by itself does not give any right to place hydrofluorocarbons on the market in 2020.

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(9) https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/ods2/resources/domain