

PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION  
POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

**Prior notification of a concentration**

**(Case M.8451 — Tronox/Cristal)**

**(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2017/C 438/13)

1. On 15 November 2017, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004<sup>(1)</sup> and following a referral pursuant to Article 4(5) of the Merger Regulation by which Tronox Limited of Australia acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of parts of The National Titanium Dioxide Company Ltd ('Cristal') of Saudi Arabia by way of a purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are as follows:

- Tronox is active worldwide in the mining, production and marketing of inorganic minerals and chemicals;
- Cristal is active worldwide in the mining and manufacture of titanium-related pigments and chemicals.

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 (+32 22964301), by email to COMP-MERGER-REGISTRY@ec.europa.eu or by post, under reference number M.8451 — Tronox/Cristal, to the following address:

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the 'Merger Regulation').