

Prior notification of a concentration**(Case No IV/M.1631 — Suez Lyonnaise/Nalco)**

(1999/C 215/05)

(Text with EEA relevance)

1. On 16 July 1999, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89 ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1310/97 ⁽²⁾, by which Suez Lyonnaise des Eaux acquires, within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Regulation, control of the whole of Nalco Chemical Co., by way of public bid.

2. This notification has been declared incomplete on 19 July 1999. The undertakings concerned have now provided the further information required. The notification became complete, within the meaning of Article 10(1) of Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89, on 20 July 1999. Accordingly the notification became effective on 20 July 1999.

3. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— Suez Lyonnaise des Eaux: mainly active in the energy, water, waste management and communication sectors,

— Nalco Chemical Co.: mainly active in the water conditioning sector.

4. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified concentration could fall within the scope of Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89. However, the final decision on this point is reserved.

5. The Commission invites interested third parties to submit their possible observations on the proposed operation.

Observations must reach the Commission not later than 10 days following the date of this publication. Observations can be sent by fax (No (32-2) 296 43 01 or 296 72 44) or by post, under reference IV/M.1631 — Suez Lyonnaise/Nalco, to:

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⁽¹⁾ OJ L 395, 30.12.1989, p. 1; corrigendum: OJ L 257, 21.9.1990, p. 13.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 180, 9.7.1997, p. 1; corrigendum: OJ L 40, 13.2.1998, p. 17.