

**Prior notification of a concentration****(Case COMP/M.4723 — Eni/ExxonMobil (Hungarian, Czech and Slovak Package))****Candidate case for simplified procedure****(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2007/C 141/18)

1. On 19 June 2007, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 <sup>(1)</sup> by which the undertaking Eni S.p.A. ('Eni', Italy) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation control of the whole of ExxonMobil Hungaria ('Esso Hungaria', Hungary), Esso spols s.r.o ('Esso Ceska', Czech Republic) and Esso Slovensko spol, s r.o. ('Esso Slovensko', Slovakia) and ExxonMobil's certain assets and contracts pertaining to the lubricants business in these countries ('Lubs Assets and Contracts') by way of purchase of shares and assets.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for Esso Hungaria, Esso Ceska, Esso Slovensko: ExxonMobil's motor fuel retail sale and jet fuel supply in Hungary, Czech Republic and Slovakia;
- for Lubs Assets and Contracts: marketing and sale of automotive and industrial lubricants in Czech Republic, Hungary and Slovakia;
- for Eni: finding, producing, transporting, transforming and marketing oil and gas.

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 <sup>(2)</sup> 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 ((32-2) 296 43 01 or 296 72 44) or by post, under reference number COMP/M.4723 — Eni/ExxonMobil (Hungarian, Czech and Slovak Package) to the following address:

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ C 56, 5.3.2005, p. 32.