

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case COMP/M.5461 — Société Lyonnaise des Eaux/Sociétés de Distribution d'Eau et d'Assainissement)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2009/C 160/06)

1. On 3 July 2009, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾ by which the undertaking Lyonnaise des Eaux (France) controlled by GDF Suez (France) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation exclusive control of the whole of the undertakings Société des Eaux du Nord (France), Société Provençale Des Eaux (France), Société d'Exploitation du Réseau d'Assainissement de Marseille (France), Société des Eaux de Versailles et de Saint-Cloud (France), Société Martiniquaise des Eaux (France) and Société Guyanaise des Eaux (France) by way of exchanges of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for Lyonnaise des Eaux: water collection, treatment and supply,
- for the six undertakings: water collection, treatment and supply (except for Société d'Exploitation du Réseau d'Assainissement de Marseille which is active only in the water treatment sector).

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.

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 2964301 or 2967244) or by post, under reference number COMP/M.5461 — Société Lyonnaise des Eaux/Sociétés de Distribution d'Eau et d'Assainissement, to the following address:

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⁽¹⁾ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1.