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## EUROPEAN COMMISSION

**Prior notification of a concentration****(Case COMP/M.5978 — GDF Suez/International Power)****(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2010/C 326/10)

1. On 29 November 2010, 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 GDF Suez SA ('GDF Suez', France) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control over International Power plc ('International Power', England and Wales) by way of acquisition of 70 % of the shares in International Power.
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
  - GDF Suez is present across the entire energy chain, in electricity and in natural gas, including: (i) purchase, production and commercialization of natural gas and electricity; (ii) transport, distribution, management and development of major natural gas infrastructures; and (iii) design and commercialization of energy services and environment related services,
  - International Power is an international operator with activities in North America, Europe, Middle East, Australia and Asia. International Power is an operator of power generation facilities. It develops, owns and operates approximately 50 power stations in 21 countries, generating a (gross) capacity of approximately 32 000 MW in power capacity.
3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified transaction could fall within the scope the EC 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 e-mail to COMP-MERGER-REGISTRY@ec.europa.eu or by post, under reference number COMP/M.5978 — GDF Suez/International Power, to the following address:

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