

Prior notification of a concentration
(Case COMP/M.6202 — Samsung LED/Sumitomo Chemical/JV)
Candidate case for simplified procedure
(Text with EEA relevance)
(2011/C 93/12)

1. On 16 March 2011, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of the Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾ by which Samsung LED Co., Ltd., ('Samsung LED', Korea), and Sumitomo Chemical Co., Ltd., ('Sumitomo Chemical', Japan), acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation joint control in a newly created company constituting a joint venture (the 'JV'), which will produce, initially, sapphire substrates and, eventually, a variety of advanced chemicals and materials for LED applications, in Korea.
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
 - For Samsung LED: development and manufacture of LED (Light Emitting Diode) technologies,
 - For Sumitomo Chemical: parent company of a group of companies active mainly in the chemical sectors (basic chemicals, petrochemicals and plastics, fine chemicals, IT-related chemicals, agricultural chemicals, and pharmaceuticals).
3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified transaction could fall within the scope of the EC Merger Regulation. However, the final decision on this point is reserved. Pursuant to the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under the EC Merger Regulation ⁽²⁾ 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 22964301), by email to COMP-MERGER-REGISTRY@ec.europa.eu or by post, under reference number COMP/M.6202 — Samsung LED/Sumitomo Chemical/JV, to the following address:

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⁽¹⁾ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the 'EC Merger Regulation').

⁽²⁾ OJ C 56, 5.3.2005, p. 32 ('Notice on a simplified procedure').