

Prior notification of a concentration**(Case COMP/M.6782 — H.I.G. Europe Capital/Petrochem Carless Holdings)****(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2012/C 378/09)

1. On 28 November 2012, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾ by which H.I.G. Europe Capital Partners LP ('H.I.G.', United Kingdom) via its portfolio company Haltermann Holding GmbH ('Haltermann', Germany) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of Petrochem Carless Holdings Ltd ('PCHL', United Kingdom), by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- H.I.G.: private equity investment firm,
- Haltermann: production and supply of hydrocarbon-based chemicals,
- PCHL: holding company of Petrochem Carless Limited, active in the production and supply of refined fuels, petrochemicals, automotive fluids and specialty chemicals.

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.6782 — H.I.G. Europe Capital/Petrochem Carless Holdings, to the following address:

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