

**Prior notification of a concentration****(Case M.7584 — International Chemical Investors/INEOS Chlorovinyls Business)****(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2015/C 156/06)

1. On 29 April 2015, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 and following a referral pursuant to Article 4(5) of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 <sup>(1)</sup> by which the undertaking International Chemical Investors Group S.E. ('ICIG', Luxembourg), acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of the INEOS Chlorovinyls Business, by way of purchase of shares.
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
  - ICIG: privately owned industrial holding company, active worldwide in agrochemicals, fine chemicals, basic chemicals, performance chemicals, finished dose pharmaceuticals and active pharmaceutical ingredients,
  - INEOS Chlorovinyls Business: Production and supply of S-PVC and other related products, such as KOH, chlorine, EDC, VCM, caustic soda, hydrochloric acid and sodium hypochlorite. It comprises of three S-PVC plants in Germany (Wilhelmshaven), France (Mazingarbe) and the Netherlands (Beek Geleen), as well as various production facilities for chemical substances on the upstream levels of the multi-level PVC production value chain up to the manufacture of chlorine in Belgium (Tessenderlo) and the UK (Runcorn), and part of INEOS's caustic potash ('KOH') business in Belgium.
3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified transaction could fall within the scope of the 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 email to COMP-MERGER-REGISTRY@ec.europa.eu or by post, under reference number M.7584 — International Chemical Investors/INEOS Chlorovinyls Business, to the following address:

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