

Prior notification of a concentration
(Case M.7832 — Gunvor Group/Kuwait Petroleum Europort)
Candidate case for simplified procedure
(Text with EEA relevance)
(2015/C 380/08)

1. On 6 November 2015, 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 Sandscape BV, ultimately controlled by Gunvor Group Ltd ('Gunvor' of Cyprus) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of the whole of the undertaking Kuwait Petroleum Europort BV ('KPE' of the Netherlands) by way of purchase of shares.
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
 - Gunvor is the main holding company of the Gunvor Group which is active in the upstream wholesale supply and refining of crude oil, and the ex-refinery sales of refined oil products,
 - KPE operates a refinery based in the Rotterdam port and is active in refining crude oil and in the ex-refinery sales of refined oil products.
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. Pursuant to the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under the Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽²⁾ it should be noted that this case is a candidate for treatment under the procedure set out in this 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 M.7832 — Gunvor Group/Kuwait Petroleum Europort, to the following address:

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

⁽²⁾ OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.