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⁽¹⁾ Text with EEA relevance

II

*(Information)*INFORMATION FROM EUROPEAN UNION INSTITUTIONS, BODIES, OFFICES
AND AGENCIES

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Non-opposition to a notified concentration**(Case COMP/M.6675 — GE/Accenture/Taleris)****(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2012/C 360/01)

On 8 November 2012, the Commission decided not to oppose the above notified concentration and to declare it compatible with the common market. This decision is based on Article 6(1)(b) of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004. The full text of the decision is available only in English and will be made public after it is cleared of any business secrets it may contain. It will be available:

- in the merger section of the Competition website of the Commission (<http://ec.europa.eu/competition/mergers/cases/>). This website provides various facilities to help locate individual merger decisions, including company, case number, date and sectoral indexes,
 - in electronic form on the EUR-Lex website (<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/en/index.htm>) under document number 32012M6675. EUR-Lex is the on-line access to the European law.
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IV

(Notices)

NOTICES FROM EUROPEAN UNION INSTITUTIONS, BODIES, OFFICES AND AGENCIES

COUNCIL

COUNCIL DECISION

of 13 November 2012

appointing the members of the Scientific and Technical Committee

(2012/C 360/02)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community, and in particular Article 134 thereof,

Having consulted the Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) By its Decision of 22 January 2008 ⁽¹⁾, the Council appointed the members of the Scientific and Technical Committee for the period of 22 January 2008 to 22 January 2013.
- (2) In order to allow the Scientific and Technical Committee to make full use of the wide range of expertise required in fulfilling its tasks, the Committee may, subject to its internal rules, call on alternates to the members to participate in its meetings.
- (3) Article 134(2) of the EAEC Treaty has been amended by Article 11 of the Act concerning the conditions of accession of the Republic of Croatia, and accordingly, it will be necessary to implement this provision on the occasion of the accession the Republic of Croatia,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

The following are hereby appointed members of the Scientific and Technical Committee for the period 23 January 2013 to 22 January 2018:

Bertrand BARRE

Maurizio CUMO

Jānis BĒRZIŅŠ

Panicos DEMETRIADES

Sten BJURSTRÖM

Daniela DIACONU

Michel BOURGUIGNON

Allan DUNCAN

Franck BRISCOE

Sue ION

Michel CHATELIER

Leonidas KAMARINOPOULOS

Pavel CHRÁSKA

Michael KAUFMANN

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 21, 26.1.2008, p. 2.

Jan-Leen KLOOSTERMAN

Latchezar Krumov KOSTOV

Zdeněk KŘÍŽ

Walter KUTSCHERA

Peter LIŠKA

Carlo LOMBARDI

Cayetano LÓPEZ

José Maria MARTÍNEZ-VAL PEÑALOSA

Júlio Martins MONTALVÃO E SILVA

Jerzy Wiktor NIEWODNICZAŃSKI

Tom O'FLAHERTY

Enn REALO

Francesco ROMANELLI

Michael SAILER

Rainer SALOMAA

Jean-Paul SAMAIN

Edouard SINNER

Borut SMODIŠ

Zoltán SZATMÁRY

Ioan URSU

Eugenijus USPURAS

Theofiel VAN RENTERGEM

Carlos VARANDAS

Andreas M. VERSTEEGH

Hans-Josef ZIMMER

Sándor ZOLETNIK

Done at Brussels, 13 November 2012.

For the Council

The President

V. SHIARLY

COUNCIL DECISION

of 20 November 2012

appointing the members and alternate members of the Advisory Committee on Freedom of Movement for Workers for Italy

(2012/C 360/03)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 492/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 April 2011 on freedom of movement for workers within the Union ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Articles 23 and 24 thereof,

Having regard to the lists of candidates submitted to the Council by the Governments of the Member States,

Whereas:

- (1) By its Decision of 4 October 2012 ⁽²⁾, the Council appointed the members and alternate members of the Advisory Committee on Freedom of Movement for Workers for the period from 25 September 2012 to 24 September 2014.
- (2) The government of Italy has submitted nominations for several posts to be filled,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The following are hereby appointed members and alternate members of the Advisory Committee on Freedom of Movement for Workers for the period ending on 24 September 2014:

I. GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES

Country	Members	Alternate
Italy	Ms Grazia STRANO Mr Daniele LUNETTA	Ms Iolanda Valeria GUTTADAURO

II. TRADE UNION REPRESENTATIVES

Country	Members	Alternate
Italy	Ms Ornella CILONA Ms Ilaria FONTANIN	Mr Giuseppe CASUCCI

III. EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATIONS REPRESENTATIVES

Country	Members	Alternate
Italy	Mr Armando OCCHIPINTI Ms Paola ASTORRI	Ms Yasaman PARPINCHEE

Article 2

The members and alternate members not yet nominated will be appointed by the Council at a later date.

Article 3

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

Done at Brussels, 20 November 2012.

For the Council
The President
A. D. MAVROYIANNIS

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 141, 27.5.2011, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 302, 6.10.2012, p. 1.

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Euro exchange rates ⁽¹⁾

21 November 2012

(2012/C 360/04)

1 euro =

Currency	Exchange rate	Currency	Exchange rate		
USD	US dollar	1,2805	AUD	Australian dollar	1,2358
JPY	Japanese yen	105,49	CAD	Canadian dollar	1,2774
DKK	Danish krone	7,4574	HKD	Hong Kong dollar	9,9249
GBP	Pound sterling	0,80370	NZD	New Zealand dollar	1,5741
SEK	Swedish krona	8,6220	SGD	Singapore dollar	1,5691
CHF	Swiss franc	1,2041	KRW	South Korean won	1 387,05
ISK	Iceland króna		ZAR	South African rand	11,4849
NOK	Norwegian krone	7,3260	CNY	Chinese yuan renminbi	7,9800
BGN	Bulgarian lev	1,9558	HRK	Croatian kuna	7,5600
CZK	Czech koruna	25,484	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	12 337,14
HUF	Hungarian forint	281,27	MYR	Malaysian ringgit	3,9190
LTL	Lithuanian litas	3,4528	PHP	Philippine peso	52,716
LVL	Latvian lats	0,6961	RUB	Russian rouble	39,9872
PLN	Polish zloty	4,1249	THB	Thai baht	39,311
RON	Romanian leu	4,5345	BRL	Brazilian real	2,6784
TRY	Turkish lira	2,3097	MXN	Mexican peso	16,6777
			INR	Indian rupee	70,5750

⁽¹⁾ Source: reference exchange rate published by the ECB.

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(Announcements)

COURT PROCEEDINGS

EFTA COURT

Action brought on 19 June 2012 by the EFTA Surveillance Authority against the Kingdom of Norway

(Case E-6/12)

(2012/C 360/05)

An action against the Kingdom of Norway was brought before the EFTA Court on 19 June 2012 by the EFTA Surveillance Authority, represented by Xavier Lewis and Fiona M. Cloarec, acting as Agents of the EFTA Surveillance Authority, 35 Rue Belliard, 1040 Brussels, Belgium.

The EFTA Surveillance Authority requests the EFTA Court to declare that:

1. by maintaining in force the administrative practice of not assessing whether a child, living together with another parent outside Norway, is mainly dependent on the parent who is living in Norway and separated from the other parent, the Kingdom of Norway is in breach of Article 1(f)(i), second sentence, in conjunction with Article 76 of the Act referred to at point 1 of Annex VI to the Agreement on the European Economic Area (Regulation (EEC) No 1408/71 of the Council of 14 June 1971 on the application of social security schemes to employed persons, to self-employed persons and to members of their families moving within the Community, as amended), as adapted to the EEA Agreement by Protocol 1 thereto;
2. the Kingdom of Norway bears the costs of the proceedings.

Legal and factual background and pleas in law adduced in support:

- Chapter 7 of Regulation (EEC) No 1408/71 regulates the coordination of the grant of family benefits in cross-border cases.
- Article 1(f)(i) of Regulation (EEC) No 1408/71 defines the term ‘member of the family’ as ‘any person defined or recognised as a member of the family or designated as a member of the household by the legislation under which benefits are provided (...); where, however, the said legislations regard as a member of the family or a member of the household only a person living under the same roof as the employed or self-employed person or student, this condition shall be considered satisfied if the person in question is mainly dependant on that person. (...)’.
- The EFTA Surveillance Authority submits that under Article 4(1)(h) of Regulation (EEC) No 1408/71, family benefits are benefits intended to enable one of the parents to devote himself or herself to the raising of a young child and designed to remunerate the service of bringing up a child, to meet other costs of caring for and raising a child and, as the case may be, to mitigate the financial disadvantages entailed in giving up income from an occupational activity.
- The EFTA Surveillance Authority claims that the purpose of Articles 73 and 74 of Regulation (EEC) No 1408/71 is to guarantee the family members of workers, residing in another EEA State, the grant of family benefits provided for by the applicable legislation of the State to which the worker is affiliated.

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- The EFTA Surveillance Authority submits that the administrative practice, according to which, in cross-border cases, the Norwegian authorities (namely the Norwegian Labour and Welfare Service, NAV) assesses whether the parent working in Norway has his regular abode with his family in the other EEA State during the periods when he is not working in Norway, and without assessing whether the child is 'mainly dependant on' the parent working in Norway — is in breach of Article 1(f)(i), second sentence, in conjunction with Article 76 of Regulation (EEC) No 1408/71.

PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION
POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case COMP/M.6771 — Bridgepoint/CPPIB/Dorna)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2012/C 360/06)

1. On 15 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 the undertakings Bridgepoint Advisers Group Limited ('Bridgepoint', the United Kingdom) and Canada Pension Plan Investment Board ('CPPIB', Canada) acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation joint control of the undertaking Dorna Sports SL ('Dorna', Spain), by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for Bridgepoint: private equity investment in various sectors, including financial services, healthcare and media,
- for CPPIB: professional investment management organization, investing the assets of the Canada Pension Plan,
- for Dorna: international sports management, marketing and media company.

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.6771 — Bridgepoint/CPPIB/Dorna, to the following address:

European Commission
Directorate-General for Competition
Merger Registry
J-70
1049 Bruxelles/Brussel
BELGIQUE/BELGIË

⁽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').

Prior notification of a concentration**(Case COMP/M.6790 — Mittal Investments/Certain UK Assets of Anglo American and Lafarge)****Candidate case for simplified procedure****(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2012/C 360/07)

1. On 16 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 Mittal Investments Sàrl ('Mittal Investments', Luxembourg) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of Tarmac SPV and Lafarge SPV by way of purchase of shares. Tarmac SPV and Lafarge SPV are special purpose vehicles established by Anglo American plc ('Anglo American', UK) and Lafarge SA ('Lafarge', France) respectively to hold assets that each company must sell as a condition of the UK Competition Commission's clearance of a proposed joint venture between Anglo American and Lafarge.
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
 - for Mittal Investments: investment company affiliated with ArcelorMittal SA, a globally active steel and mining company,
 - for Tarmac SPV and Lafarge SPV: assets that are used for the production of aggregates, high purity limestone, cement, asphalt and ready-mix concrete in the UK.
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.6790 — Mittal Investments/Certain UK Assets of Anglo American and Lafarge, 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').

Prior notification of a concentration
(Case COMP/M.6786 — EPH/SPP)
Candidate case for simplified procedure
(Text with EEA relevance)
(2012/C 360/08)

1. On 16 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 Energeticky a Prumyslovy Holding a.s. (EPH, Czech Republic) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of Slovenský Plynárenský Priemysel a.s. (SPP, Slovakia), by way of the purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for EPH: mainly active in the heat, gas and electricity sector in the Czech Republic and in the electricity sector in Slovakia,
- for SPP: active in the gas and electricity sector in Slovakia and in the gas sector in the Czech Republic.

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.

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

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