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II

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

Withdrawal of notification of a concentration**(Case M.8709 — AXA/Pradera/Targets)****(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2017/C 411/01)

(Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004)

On 3 November 2017, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration between Pradera Limited and Pan European Value Added Venture SCA. On 23 November 2017, the notifying parties informed the Commission that they withdrew their notification.

IV

(Notices)

NOTICES FROM EUROPEAN UNION INSTITUTIONS, BODIES, OFFICES AND AGENCIES

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Interest rate applied by the European Central Bank to its main refinancing operations ⁽¹⁾:**0,00 % on 1 December 2017****Euro exchange rates ⁽²⁾****1 December 2017**

(2017/C 411/02)

1 euro =

Currency	Exchange rate	Currency	Exchange rate
USD US dollar	1,1885	CAD Canadian dollar	1,5301
JPY Japanese yen	133,70	HKD Hong Kong dollar	9,2853
DKK Danish krone	7,4420	NZD New Zealand dollar	1,7349
GBP Pound sterling	0,88115	SGD Singapore dollar	1,6014
SEK Swedish krona	9,9487	KRW South Korean won	1 287,47
CHF Swiss franc	1,1691	ZAR South African rand	16,2907
ISK Iceland króna		CNY Chinese yuan renminbi	7,8551
NOK Norwegian krone	9,8753	HRK Croatian kuna	7,5553
BGN Bulgarian lev	1,9558	IDR Indonesian rupiah	16 082,95
CZK Czech koruna	25,524	MYR Malaysian ringgit	4,8620
HUF Hungarian forint	313,80	PHP Philippine peso	59,873
PLN Polish zloty	4,2129	RUB Russian rouble	69,6973
RON Romanian leu	4,6305	THB Thai baht	38,781
TRY Turkish lira	4,6718	BRL Brazilian real	3,8824
AUD Australian dollar	1,5693	MXN Mexican peso	22,1942
		INR Indian rupee	76,6550

⁽¹⁾ Rate applied to the most recent operation carried out before the indicated day. In the case of a variable rate tender, the interest rate is the marginal rate.

⁽²⁾ Source: reference exchange rate published by the ECB.

COURT OF AUDITORS

Special Report No 18/2017

‘Single European Sky: a changed culture but not a single sky’

(2017/C 411/03)

The European Court of Auditors hereby informs you that Special Report No 18/2017 ‘Single European Sky: a changed culture but not a single sky’ has just been published.

The report can be accessed for consultation or downloading on the European Court of Auditors’ website:
<http://eca.europa.eu>

NOTICES FROM MEMBER STATES

Notice from the Government of the Hellenic Republic concerning Directive 94/22/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on the conditions for granting and using authorisations for the prospection, exploration and production of hydrocarbons

(2017/C 411/04)

NOTICE ANNOUNCING AN INTERNATIONAL CALL FOR TENDERS FOR GRANTING AND USING
AUTHORISATIONS FOR THE EXPLORATION AND EXPLOITATION OF HYDROCARBONS IN MARITIME AREAS TO
THE SOUTH-WEST AND TO THE WEST OF CRETE (BLOCKS 'SOUTH-WEST CRETE' AND 'WEST CRETE')

On 31 May 2017, pursuant to Article 2(17)(b) of Law 2289/1995 on Prospecting, Exploration and Exploitation of Hydrocarbons, and other provisions, as in force, the companies Total E&P Greece BV, ExxonMobil Exploration and Production Greece (Crete) BV and Hellenic Petroleum SA submitted to Hellenic Hydrocarbons Resources Management SA (HHRM SA) an expression of interest in the granting of authorisations for exploration and exploitation of hydrocarbons in maritime areas to the south-west and to the west of Crete (Blocks: 'South-west Crete' and 'West Crete'), on the continental shelf of the Hellenic Republic.

By Decision No ΥΠΕΝ/ΥΠΠΓ/9270/3049/22.6.2017, the Minister for the Environment and Energy, following a recommendatory note of 9 June 2017, ref. 652, by HHRM SA, accepted the aforementioned expression of interest and initiated the tendering procedure, as described in Article 2(17)(b) of Law 2289/1995, as in force.

The Hellenic Republic, through the Minister for the Environment and Energy, announces an invitation to other possible interested parties to participate in this tendering procedure.

The available exclusive areas are shown in the map and are bounded by the following geographical coordinates:

Area	Longitude	Latitude
West Crete*	21° 10' 00" E	35° 30' 00" N
	20° 55' 00" E	35° 30' 00" N
	20° 55' 00" E	36° 25' 00" N
	21° 20' 00" E	36° 25' 00" N
	21° 20' 00" E	36° 15' 00" N
	21° 55' 00" E	36° 15' 00" N
	21° 55' 00" E	36° 05' 00" N
	22° 05' 00" E	36° 05' 00" N
	22° 05' 00" E	36° 00' 00" N
	22° 15' 00" E	36° 00' 00" N
	22° 15' 00" E	34° 20' 00" N
	21° 10' 00" E	34° 45' 00" N
South-west Crete*	22° 15' 00" E	35° 30' 00" N
	22° 55' 00" E	35° 30' 00" N
	22° 55' 00" E	35° 20' 00" N
	23° 20' 00" E	35° 20' 00" N
	23° 20' 00" E	35° 05' 00" N

Area	Longitude	Latitude
	23° 35' 00" E	35° 05' 00" N
	23° 35' 00" E	34° 40' 00" N
	23° 55' 00" E	34° 40' 00" N
	23° 55' 00" E	34° 10' 00" N
	23° 35' 00" E	34° 10' 00" N
	23° 35' 00" E	33° 40' 00" N
	22° 15' 00" E	34° 20' 00" N

The external boundaries of the area marked with an asterisk* have been determined in accordance with existing bilateral boundary agreements or, where no such agreements exist, by the median line as described in Article 2(1) of Law 2289/1995, as amended by Article 156(2) of Law 4001/2011 (*Government Gazette*, Series I, No 179 of 22.8.2011).

All applications will be considered in accordance with the provisions of Law 2289/1995, as in force, and Greek law, and against a background of the continuing need for ongoing, thorough, efficient and safe exploration to identify Greece's oil and gas resources and exploit these with due regard for environmental issues.

HHRM SA will enter into an agreement for the blocks with the selected applicant on the basis of royalty/tax arrangements (lease agreement). The lease agreement to be signed by HHRM SA will be approved by the Minister for the Environment and Energy. Without this approval, the agreement will be null and void and will not produce any legal effect.

The application deadline is the first working day after a period of ninety (90) days from the date of publication of this call for tenders in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Applications reaching HHRM SA after this date will not be taken into consideration.

Applications must be submitted to:

Hellenic Hydrocarbons Resources Management SA (HHRM SA)
119 Mesogeion Avenue
101 92 Athens
GREECE

Applications will be considered on the basis of the following evaluation criteria:

- (i) Financial viability of the applicant to carry out exploration for and, as appropriate, exploitation of hydrocarbons from the areas in question.
- (ii) Proven technical ability and expertise of the applicant.
- (iii) Proven experience of the operator in carrying out exploration, development and production (exploitation) of hydrocarbons, especially in deep and ultra-deep water areas.
- (iv) The quality of the work programme and the time-frame submitted for evaluating the full potential of the blocks applied for.
- (v) The applicant's geological understanding of the geographical areas in question, and how the selected applicant proposes to perform efficient and safe exploration for hydrocarbons.
- (vi) Experience in carrying out drilling work in the presence of hydrogen sulfide.
- (vii) The ability to implement environmental management for compliance with regulatory requirements and achievement of the highest possible environmental performance, as well as experience in operating in environmentally sensitive areas and maintaining a high level of safety and environmental protection in areas where tourism is prevalent and of considerable economic importance.
- (viii) Importance will be attached to any lack of efficiency or responsibility or non-performance displayed by the applicant in relation to obligations under concessions previously granted.

(ix) Biddable items:

- Minimum exploration work programme
- Financial guarantee
- Royalties
- Capital depreciation (%)
- Signature and production bonus
- Training and technical support
- Relinquishment of the original block area (%)
- Acreage fees during the exploration phase and the exploitation stage.

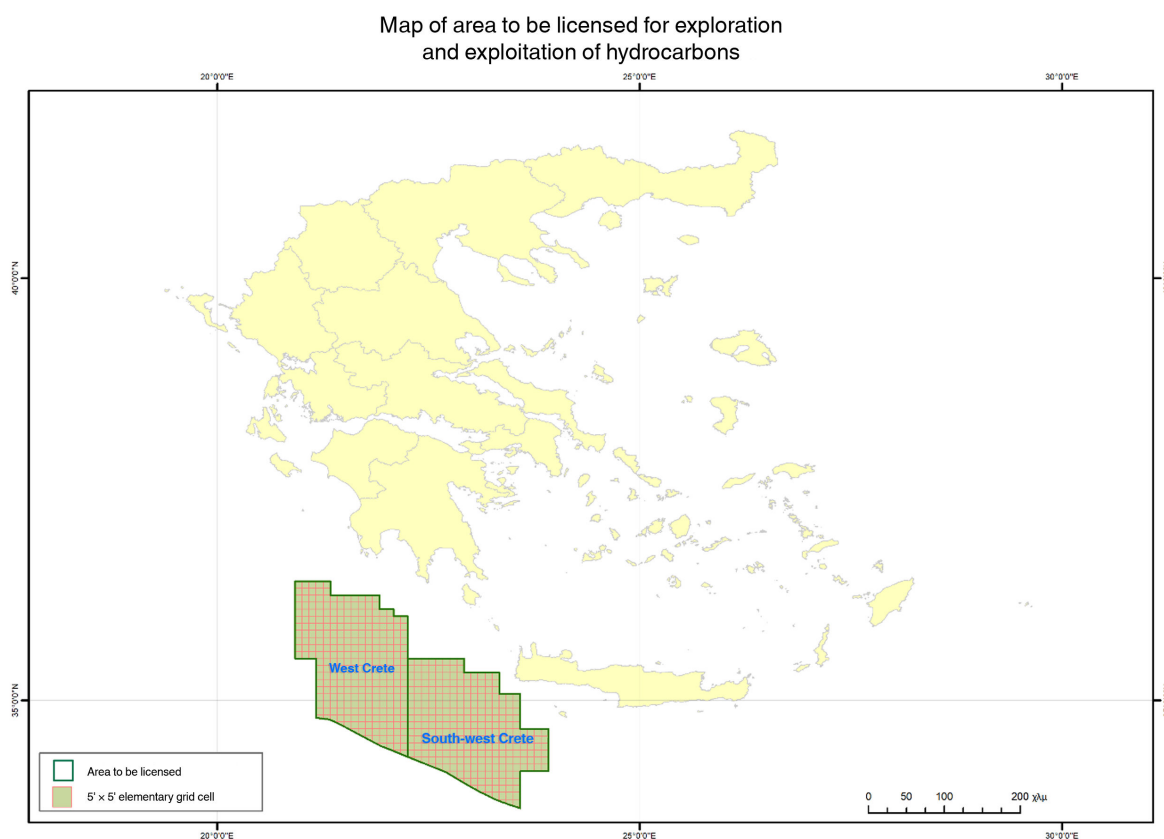
Applicants who are found to be technically and financially qualified will be invited to compete for the areas offered. Negotiations will be conducted on the basis of the biddable items. More than one applicant may be invited to negotiate for the areas designated for blocks.

HHRM SA will grant the right without prejudice to the provisions of Article 3(6) of Directive 94/22/EC.

On the date of publication of this call for tenders in the *Official Journal of the European Union*, detailed information and all relevant documents will be posted on the HHRM SA website: www.greekhydrocarbons.gr

Map

MAP AND ELEMENTARY GRID CELLS CONSTITUTING THE BLOCK AREAS



Notice from the Government of the Hellenic Republic concerning Directive 94/22/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on the conditions for granting and using authorisations for the prospection, exploration and production of hydrocarbons

(2017/C 411/05)

NOTICE ANNOUNCING AN INTERNATIONAL CALL FOR TENDERS FOR GRANTING AND USING
AUTHORISATIONS FOR THE EXPLORATION AND EXPLOITATION OF HYDROCARBONS IN A MARITIME AREA TO
THE WEST OF GREECE ('IONIAN' BLOCK)

On 2 June 2017, pursuant to Article 2(17)(b) of Law 2289/1995 on Prospecting, Exploration and Exploitation of Hydrocarbons, and other provisions, as in force, the company Energean Oil & Gas — Energeiaki Aigaiou Anonimi Etaireia Erevnas kai Paragogis Ydrogonanthrakon submitted to Hellenic Hydrocarbons Resources Management SA (HHRM SA) an expression of interest in the granting of authorisations for exploration and exploitation of hydrocarbons in a maritime area to the west of Greece ('Ionian' block), on the continental shelf of the Hellenic Republic.

By Decision No YTIEN/YTIPI/9269/3048/22.6.2017, the Minister for the Environment and Energy, following a recommendatory note of 9 June 2017, ref. 655, by HHRM SA, accepted the aforementioned expression of interest and initiated the tendering procedure, as described in Article 2(17)(b) of Law 2289/1995, as in force.

The Hellenic Republic, through the Minister for the Environment and Energy, announces an invitation to other possible interested parties to participate in this tendering procedure.

The available exclusive area is shown in the Map and is bounded by the following geographical coordinates:

Area	Longitude	Latitude
Ionian	19° 35' 00" E	39° 40' 00" N
	19° 35' 00" E	39° 35' 00" N
	19° 40' 00" E	39° 35' 00" N
	19° 40' 00" E	39° 30' 00" N
	19° 45' 00" E	39° 30' 00" N
	19° 45' 00" E	39° 25' 00" N
	19° 50' 00" E	39° 25' 00" N
	19° 50' 00" E	39° 20' 00" N
	20° 05' 00" E	39° 20' 00" N
	20° 05' 00" E	39° 05' 00" N
	20° 30' 00" E	39° 05' 00" N
	20° 30' 00" E	39° 00' 00" N
	20° 35' 00" E	39° 00' 00" N
	20° 35' 00" E	38° 50' 00" N
	20° 30' 00" E	38° 50' 00" N
	20° 30' 00" E	38° 35' 00" N
	19° 55' 00" E	38° 35' 00" N

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	19° 25' 00" E	39° 40' 00" N
	19° 35' 00" E	39° 40' 00" N

All applications will be considered in accordance with the provisions of Law 2289/1995, as in force, and Greek law, and against a background of the continuing need for ongoing, thorough, efficient and safe exploration to identify Greece's oil and gas resources and exploit these with due regard for environmental issues.

HHRM SA will enter into an agreement for the block with the selected applicant on the basis of royalty/tax arrangements (lease agreement). The lease agreement to be signed by HHRM SA will be approved by the Minister for the Environment and Energy. Without this approval, the agreement will be null and void and will not produce any legal effect.

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- iv) The quality of the work programme and the time-frame submitted for evaluating the full potential of the block applied for.
- v) The applicant's geological understanding of the geographical area in question, and how the selected applicant proposes to perform efficient and safe exploration for hydrocarbons.
- vi) Experience in carrying out drilling work in the presence of hydrogen sulphide.
- vii) The ability to implement environmental management for compliance with regulatory requirements and achievement of the highest possible environmental performance, as well as experience in operating in environmentally sensitive areas and maintaining a high level of safety and environmental protection in areas where tourism is prevalent and of considerable economic importance.
- viii) Importance will be attached to any lack of efficiency or responsibility or non-performance displayed by the applicant in relation to obligations under concessions previously granted.
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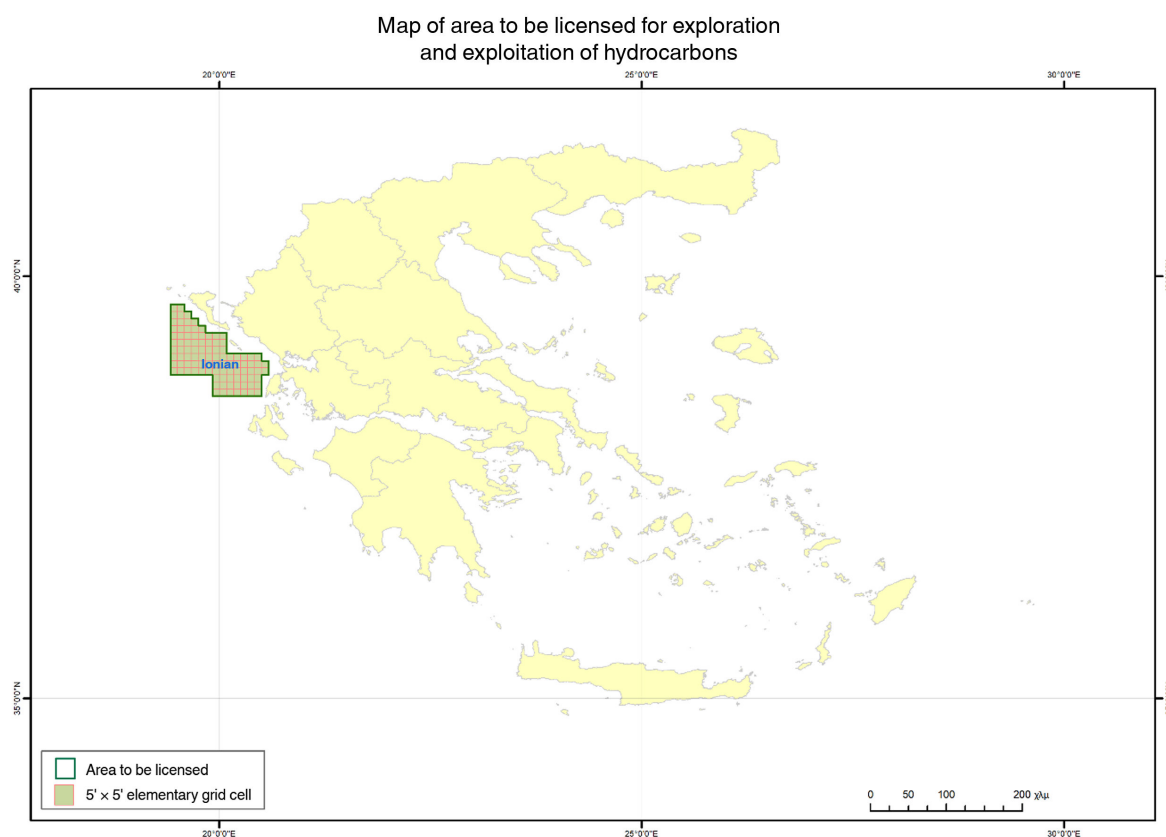
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HHRM SA will grant the right without prejudice to the provisions of Article 3(6) of Directive 94/22/EC.

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Map

MAP AND ELEMENTARY GRID CELLS CONSTITUTING THE BLOCK AREA



Update of the list of border crossing points as referred to in Article 2(8) of Regulation (EU) 2016/399 of the European Parliament and of the Council on a Union Code on the rules governing the movement of persons across borders (Schengen Borders Code) ⁽¹⁾

(2017/C 411/06)

The publication of the list of border crossing points as referred to in Article 2(8) of Regulation (EU) 2016/399 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 March 2016 on a Union Code on the rules governing the movement of persons across borders (Schengen Borders Code) ⁽²⁾ is based on the information communicated by the Member States to the Commission in conformity with Article 39 of the Schengen Borders Code.

In addition to the publication in the Official Journal, a regular update is available on the website of the Directorate-General for Migration and Home Affairs.

FRANCE

Replacement of the information published in OJ C 120, 13.4.2017.

LIST OF BORDER CROSSING POINTS

Air borders

- (1) Ajaccio-Napoléon-Bonaparte
- (2) Albert-Bray
- (3) Angers-Marcé
- (4) Angoulême-Brie-Champniers
- (5) Annecy-Methet
- (6) Auxerre-Branches
- (7) Avignon-Caumont
- (8) Bâle-Mulhouse
- (9) Bastia-Poretta
- (10) Beauvais-Tillé
- (11) Bergerac-Dordogne-Périgord
- (12) Béziers-Vias
- (13) Biarritz-Pays Basque
- (14) Bordeaux-Mérignac
- (15) Brest-Bretagne
- (16) Brive-Souillac
- (17) Caen-Carpiquet
- (18) Calais-Dunkerque
- (19) Calvi-Sainte-Catherine
- (20) Cannes-Mandelieu
- (21) Carcassonne-Salvaza
- (22) Châlons-Vatry
- (23) Chambéry-Aix-les-Bains
- (24) Châteauroux-Déols
- (25) Cherbourg-Mauperthus

⁽¹⁾ See the list of previous publications at the end of this update.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 77, 23.3.2016, p. 1.

- (26) Clermont-Ferrand-Auvergne
- (27) Colmar-Houssen
- (28) Deauville-Normandie
- (29) Dijon-Longvic
- (30) Dinard-Pleurtuit-Saint-Malo
- (31) Dôle-Tavaux
- (32) Épinal-Mirecourt
- (33) Figari-Sud Corse
- (34) Grenoble-Alpes-Isère
- (35) Hyères-le Palivestre
- (36) Paris-Issy-les-Moulineaux
- (37) La Môle — Saint-Tropez (open from 15 June to 30 September)
- (38) La Rochelle-Île de Ré
- (39) Laval-Entrammes
- (40) Le Havre-Octeville
- (41) Le Mans-Arnage
- (42) Le Touquet-Côte d'Opale
- (43) Lille-Lesquin
- (44) Limoges-Bellegarde
- (45) Lorient-Lann-Bihoué
- (46) Lyon-Bron
- (47) Lyon-Saint-Exupéry
- (48) Marseille-Provence
- (49) Metz-Nancy-Lorraine
- (50) Monaco-Héliport
- (51) Montpellier-Méditerranée
- (52) Nantes-Atlantique
- (53) Nice-Côte d'Azur
- (54) Nîmes-Garons
- (55) Orléans-Bricy
- (56) Orléans-Saint-Denis-de-l'Hôtel
- (57) Paris-Charles de Gaulle
- (58) Paris-le Bourget
- (59) Paris-Orly
- (60) Pau-Pyrénées
- (61) Perpignan-Rivesaltes
- (62) Poitiers-Biard
- (63) Quimper-Pluguffan (open from the beginning of May to the beginning of September)
- (64) Rennes Saint-Jacques

- (65) Rodez-Aveyron
- (66) Rouen-Vallée de Seine
- (67) Saint-Brieuc-Armor
- (68) Saint-Étienne Loire
- (69) Saint-Nazaire-Montoir
- (70) Strasbourg-Entzheim
- (71) Tarbes-Lourdes-Pyrénées
- (72) Toulouse-Blagnac
- (73) Tours-Val de Loire
- (74) Troyes-Barberey

Sea borders

- (1) Ajaccio
- (2) Bastia
- (3) Bayonne
- (4) Bordeaux
- (5) Boulogne
- (6) Brest
- (7) Caen-Ouistreham
- (8) Calais
- (9) Cannes-Vieux Port
- (10) Carteret
- (11) Cherbourg
- (12) Dieppe
- (13) Douvres
- (14) Dunkerque
- (15) Granville
- (16) Honfleur
- (17) La Rochelle-La Pallice
- (18) Le Havre
- (19) Les Sables-d'Olonne-Port
- (20) Lorient
- (21) Marseille
- (22) Monaco-Port de la Condamine
- (23) Nantes-Saint-Nazaire
- (24) Nice
- (25) Port-de-Bouc-Fos/Port-Saint-Louis
- (26) Port-la-Nouvelle
- (27) Port-Vendres
- (28) Roscoff

- (29) Rouen
- (30) Saint-Brieuc
- (31) Saint-Malo
- (32) Sète
- (33) Toulon

Land borders

- (1) Bourg-Saint-Maurice railway station (open from the beginning of December to mid-April)
- (2) Moûtiers railway station (open from the beginning of December to mid-April)
- (3) Ashford International railway station
- (4) Avignon-Centre railway station
- (5) Cheriton/Coquelles
- (6) Chessy-Marne-la-Vallée railway station
- (7) Fréthun railway station
- (8) Lille-Europe railway station
- (9) Paris-Nord railway station
- (10) St-Pancras railway station
- (11) Ebbsfleet railway station
- (12) Pas de la Case-Porta

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**Winding-up proceedings — Decision to open winding-up proceedings in respect of the enterprise
East-West Assekuranz AG**

(2017/C 411/07)

Publication made in accordance with Article 280 of Directive 2009/138/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 November 2009 on the taking-up and pursuit of the business of Insurance and Reinsurance (Solvency II)

Insurance undertaking	East-West Assekuranz AG Mauerstrasse 83/84 10117 Berlin GERMANY
Date, entry into force and type of decision	Decision of 1 October 2017 of Charlottenburg District Court opening insolvency proceedings
Competent authorities	Charlottenburg District Court Amtsgerichtsplatz 1 14057 Berlin GERMANY
Supervisory authority	Bundesanstalt für Finanzdienstleistungsaufsicht (Federal Financial Supervisory Authority) Graurheindorfer Strasse 108 53117 Bonn GERMANY
Administrator appointed	Dr Björn Gehde c/o Hilgers & Partner Law Practice Goethestrasse 85 10623 Berlin GERMANY Tel. +49 303157530
Applicable law	German law — Insolvenzordnung (InsO) (Insolvency Act)

V

*(Announcements)*PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION
POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration
(Case M.8611 — Smithfield/Pini Polonia)
(Text with EEA relevance)
(2017/C 411/08)

1. On 27 November 2017, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾.

This notification concerns the following undertakings:

- Smithfield Foods, Inc. ('Smithfield', United States); an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of WH Group Limited,
- Pini Polonia Sp. z o.o. ('Pini Polonia', Poland).

Smithfield acquires, within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation, control over the whole of Pini Polonia.

The concentration is accomplished by way of a purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- Smithfield is primarily engaged in pig production, pig slaughtering and the processing and distribution of packaged meats and fresh pork through its subsidiaries and affiliates in the United States, Mexico, Poland, Romania and the United Kingdom.
- Pini Polonia operates a single pork slaughterhouse located in Kutno, Poland. In addition to the slaughtering of pigs, Pini Polonia supplies pork meat to retailers and to further processing plants.

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. The following reference should always be specified:

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Observations can be sent to the Commission by email, by fax, or by post. Please use the contact details below:

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

