

PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case COMP/M.7168 — Lukoil/ISAB/ISAB Energy/ISAB Energy Services)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2014/C 38/10)

1. On 30 January 2014, 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 ISAB S.r.l. (Italian Republic) controlled by Lukoil (Russian Federation) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of the whole of the undertakings ISAB Energy S.r.l. (Italian Republic) and ISAB Energy Services S.r.l. (Italian Republic) by way of purchase of assets.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for Lukoil: the exploration and production of oil and gas, the production and sale of petroleum products and the marketing of these outputs,
- for ISAB S.r.l.: the holding of ownership of the ISAB refinery, a petrochemical complex located in Priolo Gargallo, Sicily,
- for ISAB Energy S.r.l.: the holding of ownership as well as the operation of the Integrated Gasification Combined Cycle power generation plant in Sicily,
- for ISAB Energy Services S.r.l.: the provision of operating and maintenance services in relation to utilities and electric power and steam plants as well as refineries.

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.7168 — Lukoil/ISAB/ISAB Energy/ISAB Energy Services, to the following address:

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

⁽²⁾ OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5 ('Notice on a simplified procedure').