

***Case No COMP/M.4900 -
SOLVAY / SIBUR / JV***

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**REGULATION (EC) No 139/2004
MERGER PROCEDURE**

Article 6(1)(b) NON-OPPOSITION
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ARTICLE 6(1)(b) DECISION

SIMPLIFIED PROCEDURE

To the notifying parties

Dear Madam(s) and/or Sir(s),

Subject: Case No. COMP/M.4900 - SOLVAY/ SIBUR/ JV
Notification of 09.04.2008 pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No. 139/2004¹
Publication in the Official Journal of the European Union No. C 96 dated 17/04/2008, page 54.

1. On 09.04.2008 the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No. 139/2004 by which the undertakings SolVin GmbH & Co. KG, belonging to the Solvay group ("SolVin", Germany), and OJSC Sibur Holding, belonging to the Gazfond group ("Sibur", Russia) acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation joint control of the undertaking OOO RusVinyl ("the JV", Russia) by way of purchase of shares in a newly created company constituting a joint venture.

¹ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004 p. 1

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
- for SolVin: production of vinyls.
 - for Sibur: production of petrochemical products.
 - for the JV: production and marketing of caustic soda and polyvinyl chloride.
3. After examination of the notification, the Commission has concluded that the notified operation falls within the scope of Council Regulation (EC) No. 139/2004 and of paragraph 5 subparagraph c of the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EC) No. 139/2004.²
4. For the reasons set out in the Notice on a simplified procedure, the Commission has decided not to oppose the notified operation and to declare it compatible with the common market and with the EEA Agreement. This decision is adopted in application of Article 6(1)(b) of Council Regulation (EC) No. 139/2004.

For the Commission
(signed)
Philip LOWE
Director General

² OJ C 56, 05.3.2005 p.32