

***Case No COMP/M.3132 -
SASOL / MITSUBISHI
CHEMICAL / JV***

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**REGULATION (EEC) No 4064/89
MERGER PROCEDURE**

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

SIMPLIFIED PROCEDURE

PUBLIC VERSION

To the notifying party

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

**Subject: Case No. COMP/M.3132 – Sasol/Mitsubishi/JV
Notification of 12.8.2003 pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EEC) No. 4064/89¹
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26/08/2003, page 12**

1. On 12.8.2003, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EEC) No. 4064/89 by which Sasol Chemical Industries Limited, belonging to the Sasol Group ("Sasol"), and Mitsubishi Chemical Corporation ("MCC") acquire joint control of two newly created companies constituting joint ventures ("PJV" and "GJV").

The business activities of the undertakings concerned are :

- Sasol: a diversified South African group of companies active mainly in oil and gas exploration and production, chemical and related manufacturing and marketing operations
- MCC: a Japanese group of companies involved in various operations, including petrochemicals, speciality chemicals, pharmaceuticals and plastic-based products

¹ OJ L 395, 30.12.1989 p. 1; corrected version OJ L 257 of 21.9.1990, p. 13, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1310/97, OJ L 180, 9.7.1997, p. 1, corrigendum in OJ L 40, 13.2.1998, p. 17.

- PJV: production of acrylate products
 - GJV: sales and marketing of acrylate products
2. After examination of the notification, the Commission has concluded that the notified operation falls within the scope of Council Regulation (EEC) No. 4064/89 and of paragraph 4, subparagraph c of the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89².
 3. 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 (EEC) No. 4064/89.

For the Commission, signed,
Mario MONTI
Member of the Commission

² OJ C 217, 29.07.2000, p. 32.