

***Case No COMP/M.5686 -
VITOL HOLDING/
PETROPLUS REFINING
ANTWERP/
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ANTWERP BITUMEN***

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

Article 6(1)(b) NON-OPPOSITION
Date: 09/12/2009

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ARTICLE 6(1)(b) DECISION

SIMPLIFIED PROCEDURE

To the notifying party:

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

**Subject: Case No COMP/M.5686 - VITOL HOLDING/ PETROPLUS REFINING
ANTWERP / PETROPLUS REFINING ANTWERP BITUMEN
Notification of 09.11.2009 pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No
139/2004¹
Publication in the Official Journal of the European Union No C 276,
17.11.2009, p.40**

1. On 09.11.2009, On 09.11.2009, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 by which the undertaking EUROTANK BELGIUM B.V. ("Eurotank", Belgium), ultimately controlled by Vitol Holding B.V. ("Vitol", Netherlands), acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation control of the whole of the undertakings Petroplus Refining Antwerp N.V. ("Petroplus", Belgium) and Petroplus Refining Antwerp Bitumen N.V. ("Petroplus Bitumen", Belgium) by way of purchase of shares.
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
 - for Petroplus/Petroplus Bitumen: active in the production of bitumen, gasoildesulphurization and the operation of a storage terminal.
 - for Vitol: trade with oil and gas, exploration and production activities in the oil and gas sector, inter alia.

¹ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1.

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(c) of the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004².
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.