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***Case No COMP/M.6071 -  
INEOS/ INEOS NOVA***

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

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

SIMPLIFIED PROCEDURE

**To the notifying party:**

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

**Subject: Case No COMP/M.6071 - INEOS/ INEOS NOVA  
Notification of 17/01/2011 pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No  
139/2004<sup>1</sup>  
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1. On 17/01/2011, the European Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of the Merger Regulation by which the undertaking INEOS Industries Holdings Limited (United Kingdom) belonging to the INEOS group of companies ("INEOS", Switzerland) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of the whole of INEOS NOVA (Switzerland) by way of purchase of shares.

The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for INEOS : global manufacturer of petrochemicals, specialty chemicals and oil products.
- for INEOS NOVA : manufacturer of styrene monomer, polystyrene and expanded polystyrene and certain related products

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 ("the Merger Regulation"). With effect from 1 December 2009, the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union ("TFEU") has introduced certain changes, such as the replacement of "Community" by "Union" and "common market" by "internal market". The terminology of the TFEU will be used throughout this decision.

2. After examination of the notification, the European Commission has concluded that the notified operation falls within the scope of the Merger Regulation and of paragraph 5(d) of the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004<sup>2</sup>.
3. For the reasons set out in the Notice on a simplified procedure, the European Commission has decided not to oppose the notified operation and to declare it compatible with the internal market and with the EEA Agreement. This decision is adopted in application of Article 6(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation.

*For the Commission*  
*(Signed)*  
*Alexander ITALIANER*  
*Director General*

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<sup>2</sup> OJ C 56, 5.3.2005, p. 32.