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Case No COMP/M.7090 - VOPAK/ SWEDEGAS/ GO4LNG JV

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

Article 6(1)(b) NON-OPPOSITION
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SIMPLIFIED MERGER
PROCEDURE

To the notifying parties:

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

**Subject: Case No COMP/M.7090 – VOPAK/ SWEDEGAS/ GO4LNG JV
Commission decision pursuant to Article 6(1)(b) of Council Regulation (EC) No
139/2004¹**

1. On 08.11.2013 the European Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of the Merger Regulation by which Vopak LNG Holding Sweden BV, controlled by Koninklijke Vopak NV (“Vopak”, The Netherlands) and Swedegas AB (“Swedegas”, Sweden) acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation joint control over GO4LNG Göteborg AB (“GO4LNG”, Sweden) by way of a purchase of shares.
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
 - for Vopak: a worldwide independent tank storage provider, specialized in the storage and handling of liquid chemicals, gases and oil products;
 - for Swedegas: it is the certified Transmission System Operator for the Swedish high-pressure Swedish Transmission System;
 - for GO4LNG: it will build, own, maintain and operate a Liquefied Natural Gas distribution terminal in Gothenburg (Sweden)².

¹ 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 Publication in the Official Journal of the European Union No C 332, 15.11.2013, p.15

3. 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(b) of the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004³.
4. 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*

³ OJ C 56, 5.3.2005, p. 32.