## Case No COMP/M.7139 - GDF SUEZ / OMNES CAPITAL / PREDICA PREVOYANCE / FEIH

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

Article 6(1)(b) NON-OPPOSITION Date: 19/03/2014

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## **EUROPEAN COMMISSION**



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SIMPLIFIED MERGER PROCEDURE

## To the notifying parties:

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

**Subject:** Case COMP/M.7139 - GDF SUEZ/ OMNES CAPITAL/ PREDICA

PREVOYANCE/ FEIH

Commission decision pursuant to Article 6(1)(b) of Council Regulation (EC) No  $139/2004^1$ 

- 1. On 20 February 2014, the European Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of the Merger Regulation by which the undertakings GDF SUEZ S.A. ("GDF SUEZ" of France), Predica Prévoyance Dialogue du Crédit Agricole ("Predica Prévoyance" of France) controlled by the Groupe Crédit Agricole and Omnes Capital (of France) acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of the whole of the undertaking Futures Energies Investissements Holdings ("FEIH" of France) by way of purchase of shares.
- 2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
  - for GDF SUEZ: active throughout the entire energy value chain in the fields of gas, electricity and energy services;
  - for Groupe Crédit Agricole: offers a range of banking and insurance services. It is also active in the real estate sector;
  - for Omnes Capital: It is a French asset management company active in several branches of private equity, amongst them in the renewable energy sector;

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.

- for FEIH: active in the generation of electricity by wind farms via its subsidiary Futures Energies Investissements SAS. FEIH is currently indirectly wholly-owned by GDF SUEZ.<sup>2</sup>
- 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(c) of the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004<sup>3</sup>.
- 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

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.