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***Case No COMP/M.7154 - WORLD FUEL SERVICES
CORPORATION / WATSON PETROLEUM LIMITED***

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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 party

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

Subject: Case COMP/M.7154 - WORLD FUEL SERVICES CORPORATION / WATSON PETROLEUM LIMITED
Commission decision pursuant to Article 6(1)(b) of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004¹

1. On 31.01.2014, the European Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of the Merger Regulation by which the undertaking WFS UK Holding Company II Limited (WFS UK, UK), controlled by World Fuel Services Corporation (WFS, US) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of the whole of the undertaking Watson Petroleum Limited (Watson, UK) by way of purchase of shares².
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
 - for WFS : provision of aviation, marine and ground transportation fuel products and related services;
 - for Watson : distribution of petroleum products, specifically heating oil, gas oil, transport fuels and automotive/industrial lubricants to domestic, commercial, industrial and agricultural customers.

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 040, 11.02.2014, p. 9.

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)(i) and (ii) 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)

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³ OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.