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***Case M.8746 - EG GROUP /
ESSO GERMANY
BUSINESS***

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

Article 6(1)(b) NON-OPPOSITION
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To the Notifying Party

**Subject: Case M.8746 - EG GROUP / ESSO GERMANY BUSINESS
Commission decision pursuant to Article 6(1)(b) of Council Regulation (EC)
No 139/2004¹ and Article 57 of the Agreement on the European Economic Area²**

Dear Sir or Madam,

1. On 21 December 2017, the European Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of the Merger Regulation by which EG Group (EG Group, United Kingdom) jointly controlled by TDR Capital LLP (50%), a private equity firm, and two individuals (50%), acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation, control over parts of ESSO Deutschland GmbH (ESSO Germany Business, Germany), a wholly owned subsidiary of Exxon Mobil Corporation, by way of purchase of shares.³
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
 - EG Group is a holding company operating under the "EG" brand, active in the operation of fuel stations with ancillary backcourt convenience retail, car wash, fast food, restaurant and hotel offerings in the UK, Belgium, France, Luxembourg and the Netherlands;
 - ESSO Germany Business is active in the retail sales of motor fuels via a nationwide network of fuel stations located in Germany.
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

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 OJ L 1, 3.1.1994, p. 3 (the 'EEA Agreement').

³ Publication in the Official Journal of the European Union No C 004, 6.1.2018, p. 15.

the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004.⁴

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 and Article 57 of the EEA Agreement.

For the Commission

(Signed)

Johannes LAITENBERGER
Director-General

⁴ OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.