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

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## **PUBLIC VERSION**

To the notifying party

## Subject:Case M.9834 – IRPC/JPP/MYTEX<br/>Commission decision pursuant to Article 6(1)(b) of Council Regulation<br/>(EC) No 139/2004<sup>1</sup> and Article 57 of the Agreement on the European<br/>Economic Area<sup>2</sup>

Dear Sir or Madam,

- 1. On 30 April 2020, the European Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of the Merger Regulation by which IRPC Public Company Limited (IRPC, Thailand), controlled by PTT plc, and Japan Polypropylene Corporation (JPP, Japan), controlled by Mitsubishi Chemical Holdings Corporation, acquire within the meaning of Articles 3(1)(b) and 3(4)of the Merger Regulation joint control of the whole of Mytex Polymers (Mytex, Thailand), currently controlled by JPP. The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.<sup>3</sup>
- 2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
  - for IRPC: manufacturing of petrochemical and petroleum-based products,
  - for JPP: manufacturing of compounded polypropylene and polypropylene resins,
  - for Mytex: production of compounded polypropylene, polypropylene for automotive parts, out-line compounded polypropylene for home appliances, and long fibre reinforced polypropylene.

<sup>&</sup>lt;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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> OJ L 1, 3.1.1994, p. 3 (the 'EEA Agreement').

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Publication in the Official Journal of the European Union No C 163, 12.5.2020, p.13.

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- 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(a) of the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004.<sup>4</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 and Article 57 of the EEA Agreement.

For the Commission

(Signed) Olivier GUERSENT Director-General

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.