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## ***Case M.10923 - PLASTIC OMNIUM / HBPO***

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

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Article 6(1)(b) NON-OPPOSITION  
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Compagnie Plastic Omnium SE  
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**Subject: Case M.10923 – PLASTIC OMNIUM / HBPO  
Commission decision pursuant to Article 6(1)(b) of Council Regulation  
(EC) No 139/2004<sup>1</sup> and Article 57 of the Agreement on the European  
Economic Area<sup>2</sup>**

Dear Sir or Madam,

1. On 23 September 2022, the European Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of the Merger Regulation, by which Compagnie Plastic Omnium SE ('Plastic Omnium', France), controlled by Burelle SA (France), will acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of HBPO Beteiligungsgesellschaft mbH ('HBPO', Germany) by way of purchase of shares.<sup>3</sup>
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are the following:
  - Plastic Omnium operates globally as an automotive Tier-1 supplier, specialised in the development, manufacture and supply of components and modules/systems, mainly for light vehicles (mainly bumpers, hatchbacks/tailgates and spoilers, fuel storage and delivery systems fuel cell stacks and hydrogen vessels and integrated hydrogen systems),
  - HBPO develops, manufactures and supplies, for light vehicles, front-end carriers, active grille shutters, module solutions for vehicle interiors (cockpits and centre consoles), solutions for electric vehicle charging as well as developing, assembling and supplying front-end modules.

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

<sup>3</sup> Publication in the Official Journal of the European Union No C 381, 04.10.2022, p. 5.

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(d) 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*

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