

## BEFORE THE COMPETITION COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN

## FIRST PHASE REVIEW

## IN THE MATTER OF ACQUISITION OF EQUITY STAKE IN M/S. PAKISTAN ENERGY GATEWAY LTD BY M/S. JEWEL ROCK PTE. LTD

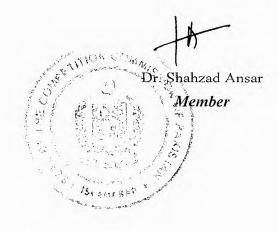
CASE: 981/Merger-CCP/18

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Ms. Vadiyya Khalil *Chairperson* 



## ORDER

- The Competition Commission of Pakistan ("Commission") is in receipt of a pre-merger application ("Application") dated 10<sup>th</sup> July 2018 M/s. Jewel Rock Pte. Ltd ("JR" or "Acquirer") notifying the Commission of its acquisition up to \_\_\_\_\_\_ equity stake in M/s. Pakistan Energy Gateway Ltd ("PEGL" or "Target"), pursuant to Section 11 of the Competition Act, 2010 ("Act") read with Regulation 6 of the Competition (Merger Control) Regulations, 2016 ("Merger Regulations").
- 2. The Commission has examined the Application as well as all the documents attached therewith, the market scenario, and its observations on the basis of independent research/investigation in the relevant market. The Phase I competition assessment of the intended acquisition has resulted in the following findings:
  - i. The business activities of the concerned parties are:
  - a. For the Acquirer: Investment Holding Company.
  - b. For the Target: Liquefied Natural Gas import, re-gasification and marketing.
  - ii. As per the Application, JR intends to acquire up to equity stake in PEGL. In consideration for this acquisition, JR will be investing million (approximately billion to 4.929 billion) in PEGL, comprising a mix of debt and equity. This is the transaction value in this case.
- iii. The relevant product market is the business of import, re-gasification and marketing of LNG, while the relevant geographic market is Pakistan. The market share of the Target is expected to be approximately once operational. This will remain unchanged, post-transaction.
- iv. The transaction is not likely to result in the creation or strengthening of dominant position in the relevant market. The intended merger does not meet the presumption of dominance as determined under Section (2) (1) (e) read with Section 3 of the Act.
- 3. In conclusion, the proposed transaction is unlikely to substantially lessen competition through the creation or strengthening of a dominant position in the relevant market. The proposed transaction is hereby authorized under Section 31 (1) (d) (i) of the Act.
- 4. It is so ordered.

(Ms. Vadiyya Khalil) Chairperson ON COMM Sec. Islamabad the AUTUS 2018 10 ISLAMABAD

(Dr. Shahzad Ansar) Member