

BEFORE THE COMPETITION COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN

IN THE MATTER OF

FIRST PHASE REVIEW

MERGER OF TOTAL OIL PAKISTAN PRIVATE LIMITED WITH AND INTO TOTAL PARCO PAKISTAN LIMITED.

CASE: 760/Merger-CCP/15

Commission

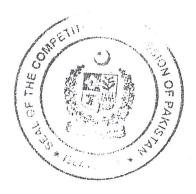
Ms. Vadiyya Khalil **Chairperson**

VS

Mr. Mueen Batlay **Member**

Mr. Ikram Ul Haque Qureshi **Member**





ORDER

I Background

The Acquirer, Total PARCO Pakistan Limited (TPPL) submitted a pre-merger application (the 1 "application") to the Commission dated 05/10/2015 (received on 08/10/2015), notifying the merger of Total Oil Pakistan Pvt Limited (TOPL) with and into Total PARCO Pakistan Limited (TPPL), along with a bank draft of Rs. 2, 300 as processing fee applicable under Regulation 5 (6) of the Competition (Merger Control) Regulations 2007 (the "Regulations"). The case is examined in the light of the provisions of the Act, as well as the Regulations as under.

11 **Merger Parties**

2 Acquirer

TPPL is a Joint Venture between Total Marketing Services of France (TMS) and Pak-Arab Refinery Company Limited (PARCO) which itself is a 60:40 joint venture between the Government of Pakistan and the Emirate of Abu Dhabi, TPPL was incorporated as a public limited company in 1974. Government of Pakistan holds 3% of the shareholding while 3% of the shares are held by Emirate of Abu Dhabi through its Abu Dhabi Petroleum Investment Company. Total Parco's prime objective has been to set up a network of Retail Stations in strategic locations across the country. TPPL is a corporate sector company in Pakistan with an asset base of approximately Rs.

3 **Target**

TOPL is a private limited company incorporated in Pakistan and is jointly owned by PARCO and TMS with both of the shareholders holding 50% shares in TOPL. Company is engaged in the blending 50% shares in TOPL. and marketing of lubricants.

III Transaction

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TPPL and TOPL have same sponsors i.e. PARCO and TMS which each sponsor holding same 4 percentage of shareholding (i.e. 18%) in TPPL AND TOPL, so no additional consideration is payable for the transaction.

The transaction meets the notification thresholds prescribed in Regulation 4(2)(a)(b)(c)&(d) as the acquirer's assets value more than Rs.300 million, combined assets are more than Rs.1 billion ONGE TITION C rupees, turnover of acquirer is more than Rs.500 million and combined turnover is more than Rs.1 billion. The transaction value also exceeds Rs.100 million and percentage of share to be acquired exceeds 10% of the total shareholding of the target.

IV Relevant Market:

- 6 -The relevant market in this case is the Lubricant market.
- 7 -The Relevant Geographic market is Pakistan.
- 8 -Market position in the relevant market is as under:

Company Name	Market Share(%)
Shell	%
PSO	2%
Chevron	.%
TPPL	2.%
TOPL	%
Others	%

The above table shows that the market share of TPPL is ______% and TOPL is ______% so the post-merger market share of both undertakings will be _____%, which is less than the threshold limit of 40%.

V Findings of the Phase I investigation of the Competition Assessment

9 The competition assessment in Phase I has resulted in the following finding:

The post-merger market share of TPPL will be 3%, which is significantly less than the threshold limit of 40% of the total market, therefore the post-merger entity does not meet the presumption of dominance as determined under Section 3 of the Act.

VI Conclusion

In conclusion, there is no evidence that suggests a substantial lessening of competition by creating or strengthening a dominant position in the relevant market. The proposed transaction may therefore be authorized under Section 31(1) (d) (i) of the Act.

10 It is so ordered.

(Mueen Batlay)

Member

(Ikram Ul Haque Qureshi)

Member

(Vadiyya Khalil) Chairperson

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November, 2015.