

BEFORE THE COMPETITION COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN

FIRST PHASE REVIEW

IN THE MATTER OF MERGER OF M/S. TUFAIL CHEMICAL & SURFACTANTS (PRIVATE) LIMITED WITH AND INTO M/S. TUFAIL CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES LIMITED

CASE: 1225/Merger-CCP/2021

Commission

Ms. Shaista Bano
Member



ORDER

- 1. On 24th September, 2021 the Competition Commission of Pakistan ("Commission") received a pre-merger application ("Application") of a proposed merger pursuant to Section 11 of the Competition Act, 2010 ("Act") read with Regulation 6 of the Competition (Merger Control) Regulations, 2016 ("Merger Regulations") jointly from M/s. Tufail Chemical Industries Limited ("TCIL" or "Merger Party 1) and M/s. Tufail Chemical & Surfactants (Private) Limited ("TCSL" or "Merger Party 2"). Whereby, they intend to merge, Merger Party 2 with and into Merger Party 1 in accordance with Scheme of Arrangement ("Agreement").
- 2. The Commission has examined the Application as well as all the documents attached therewith, the market scenario, and made its observations on the basis of an independent research/investigation in the relevant market. The Phase I competition assessment of the intended transaction has resulted in the following findings:
 - i. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
 - a. For Merger Party 1: manufacturing and sale of Sulphonic Acid, Formic Acid and its by-products.
 - b. For Merger Party 2: manufacturing and sale of Sulphonic Acid and Surface Active Agents.

 - iii. The relevant product market in this case have been identified as "Chemicals" and the relevant geographic market is "Pakistan".
 - iv. As per the application, pre-transaction market share of Merger Party 1 and Merger Party 2 can be estimated to be 0.62% and 0.24% respectively in the relevant market.
 - v. Post-transaction, as Merger Party 1 will be the surviving entity, its market share will rise from 100% to 100%.
- 3. As per the application, there are no ancillary restrictions.
- 4. In conclusion, the proposed transaction does not meet the presumption of dominance as determined under Section (2) (1) (e) read with section 3 of the Act. The proposed transaction is hereby authorized under Section 31 (1) (d) (i) of the Act.

5. It is so ordered.

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