

BEFORE THE COMPETITION COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN

FIRST PHASE REVIEW

IN THE MATTER OF JOINT VENTURE OF M/S. ATLAS AUTOS (PRIVATE) LIMITED, M/S. DAIDO KOGYO CO. LIMITED AND M/S. DAIDO SITTIPOL CO. LIMITED.

CASE: 1056/Merger-CCP/19

Commission

Ms. Vadiyya S. Khalil *Chairperson*

Ms. Bushra Naz Malik Member

ORDER

- 1. On 3rd September 2019 the Competition Commission of Pakistan ("Commission") received a pre-merger application ("Application") of a proposed joint venture pursuant to Section 11 of the Competition Act, 2010 ("Act") read with Regulation 6 of the Competition (Merger Control) Regulations, 2016 ("Merger Regulations") where M/s. Atlas Autos (Private) Limited ("JV Party 1" or "Applicant"), M/s. Daido Kogyo Co. Limited ("JV Party 2") and M/s. Daido Sittipol Co. Limited ("JV Party 3") have entered into a Joint Venture Agreement "JVA". All the requisite information/documentation pertaining to the application was completed by the applicant on 20th September 2019.
- 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 transaction has resulted in the following findings:
 - i. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
 - a. For JV Party 1: Manufacturing and marketing of auto parts for motorcycles in Pakistan.
 - b. For JV Party 2: Manufacturing of chains and auto parts in Japan.
 - c. For JV Party 3: Manufacturing of automotive chains in Thailand.
 - ii. The proposed transaction is a joint venture between JV Party 1, JV Party 2 and JV Party 3 whereby the merger parties are creating a Joint Venture by the name M/s. Altas DID (private) limited ("Atlas DID"). In the above venture; JV Party 1 will have—shareholding, JV Party 2 with—shareholding and JV Party 3 with—shareholding. The planned paid up capital is PKR 1.2 billion, also to be taken as transaction value.
 - iii. Currently, only JV Party 3 is engaged in the relevant product markets of "Drive Chain Kit and CAM Chain Kit for two wheeler vehicles" having a geographic market identified as of "Pakistan". Presently, no overlaps exist between the merger parties in Pakistan.
 - iv. The market shares of JV Party 3 for Drive Chain Kit segment is while the market shares for CAM Chain Kit segment is in 2019. Post-transaction the market position of JV Party 3 in the relevant product markets is unlikely to change since the parties of the joint venture are combining their activities.
 - v. The transaction is not likely to result in the creation or strengthening of a dominant position in the relevant market. The intended transaction does not meet the presumption of dominance as determined under Section (2) (1) (e) read with Section 3 of the Competition Act 2010 ("Act").
- 3. In conclusion, the proposed transaction is not likely 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.

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