

BEFORE THE COMPETITION COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN

FIRST PHASE REVIEW

IN THE MATTER OF ACQUISITION OF 77% SHAREHOLDING OF M/S. HEUBACH HOLDING GMBH BY SK CAPITAL INVESTMENT V LTD FROM M/S. HEUBACH SHAREHOLDERS.

CASE: 1228/Merger-CCP/21

Commission

Ms. Shaista Bano

Member



ORDER

- 1. On 23rd August 2021, the Competition Commission of Pakistan ("Commission") received a pre-merger application ("Application") submitted by M/s. SK Capital Investment V, Ltd ("SKCI V" or "Acquirer") of the proposed acquisition of 1 % shareholding in M/s. Heubach Holding GmbH ("Target") from M/s. Heubach Shareholders ("HS" or "Seller") pursuant to Section 11 of the Competition Act, 2010 ("Act") read with Regulation 6 of the Competition (Merger Control) Regulations, 2016 ("Merger Regulations") in accordance with Subscription and Contribution Agreement ("Agreement"). All requisite information/documentation pertaining to the application was completed on 5th October, 2021.
- 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 markets. 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 Acquirer: Develops, manufactures, distributes and sells a broad range of specialty chemicals worldwide.
 - b. For Target: Holding Company
 - c. For Seller: Business Individuals
 - ii. Pursuant to the Agreement, total amount is deemed as EUR : equivalent to PKR : which is adjusted by certain clauses of the Agreement.
 - iii. The relevant markets in this case have been identified as the business of **Pigment**, **Pigment Preparations and Dyes** and the relevant geographic market is "**Pakistan**". Based on the data provided in the application, the Target's market share is "% in Pigments segment and % in Pigment Preparations.
- 3. The intended acquisition of shares 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.

4. It is so ordered.

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