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CCP نے تقریل پاور سیکٹر مد راند اور کا موننا رائی

میں انضام کی منظوری ویدی

اسلام آباد (ارشاد انصاری سے) کمپیٹیش کمیش آف پاکستان (CCP) نے تھرمل پاور سیٹر میں انضام کی منظوری دے دی ہے، CCP کے مطابق اس منظور شدہ ٹرانز یکشن میں وسلر انٹر پرائزز (پرائیویٹ) کمیٹڑ کی (باقی صفحہ 7 نمبر 23)

انغام (23)

جانب سے اور یہ نے پاور کمپنی (پرائیویٹ) لمیٹڈ کے 20.97 فیصد شیئر ہولڈنگ کا حصول شامل ہے ، وسلر انٹر پرائزز حال ہی میں قائم کی گئی پرائیویٹ لمیٹڈ کمپنی ہے جو پاور جزیشن کے کاروبار اور متعلقہ مصنوعات اور خدمات کا کام کر رہی ہے جبکہ اور یہ نے پاور کمپنی ایک خود مختار پاور بروڈ یوسر ہے جو بلوگی میں 225 میگاواٹ پاور پراڈنٹ چلا رہی ہے یہ صص محمود ٹیکٹائل اور خواجہ پلانٹ چلا رہی ہے یہ صص محمود ٹیکٹائل اور خواجہ مہر علی سے حصص کی خریداری کے معاہدے کے مہر علی سے حصص کی خریداری کے معاہدے کے تحت حاصل کئے جارہے ہیں ، متعلقہ مارکیٹ میں اس لئے اس انضام کو منظور کر لیا گیا ہے۔

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اسلام آباد (نامہ نگار خصوصی ) کمپٹیش کمیشن آف سے اور بنٹ پاور کمپنی ) پرائیویٹ (لمیٹڈ کے تنان) سی پی (نے قرم پاورسیٹر میں اِنضام % 97.00 شیئر ہولڈنگ کا حصول شامل اس منظورشدہ ٹرانزیکش ہے، وسلر انٹر پرائزز) پرائیویٹ (لمبیٹر، پاکستان

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تحت حال ہی میں قائم کی گئی پرائیویٹ کمیٹڈ کمپنی ہے جو لمیٹڈ ایک خودمختار یاور پروڈیوسر ہے جو بلوکی ،قصور میں 225میگاواٹ یاور پلانٹ چلارہی ہے۔

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اسلام آباد (سٹاف رپورٹر) کمپٹیش کمیش آف
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By Kazim Raza Rizvi

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https://customnews.pk/2024/05/10/ccp-approves-acquisition-in-thermal-power-sector/



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https://www.telecoalert.com/2024/05/11/ccp-approves-acquisition-in-thermal-power-sector/



National

# Competition commission clears merger in Pakistan's thermal power sector

By Mirror Web - May 10, 2024

The Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP) has greenlit a merger in the thermal power industry, involving the purchase of a 20.97% stake in Orient Power Company by a private firm. This move marks the entry of Whistler Enterprises Private Limited, a new player in the Pakistani legal landscape, into the sector.

Whistler Enterprises Private Limited specializes in power generation, signaling its intent to expand its footprint in the energy domain. Meanwhile, Orient Power Company Private Limited, an independent power producer, operates a 225 MW power plant in Kasur.

The merger aims to enhance efficiency and productivity in the thermal power sphere, fostering competition and innovation. With the Competition Commission's nod, the deal meets regulatory standards, ensuring the protection of consumer interests and market competitiveness.

https://minutemirror.com.pk/competition-commission-clears-merger-in-pakistans-thermal-power-sector-224738/



### CCP greenlights merger in Pakistan's thermal power sector

May 13, 2024 (MLN): The Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP) has approved a merger in Pakistan's thermal power sector, involving the acquisition of 20.97% shareholding of Orient Power Company (Private) Limited (OPCOL) by Whistler Enterprises (Private) Limited (WEL).

Whistler Enterprises (Private) Limited, a recently incorporated private limited company under the Laws of Pakistan, focuses on setting up, acquiring, or carrying on power generation businesses and related products or services.

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"This approval underscores the CCP's commitment to facilitating competition while ensuring the efficiency and growth of the power sector in Pakistan," the Commission added.

https://mettisglobal.news/ccp-greenlights-merger-in-pakistans-thermal-power-sector/#:~:text=May%2013%2C%202024%20(MLN)%3A,Private)%20Limited%20(WEL).

#### Pro Pakistani

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#### CCP Approves Acquisition of 20.97% Shareholding of Orient Power Company by Whistler Enterprises

By ProPK Staff | Published May 10, 2024 | 7:27 pm



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In its statement, CCP said investment in the power sector is vital for its growth and its broader impact on the economy. The approval of this merger not only reflects the confidence of investors in the country's power sector but also highlights the importance of competition in driving efficiency and innovation in the industry.

This approval underscores the CCP's commitment to facilitating competition while ensuring the efficiency and growth of the power sector in Pakistan, the statement added.

https://propakistani.pk/2024/05/10/ccp-approves-acquisition-of-20-97-shareholding-of-orient-powercompany-by-whistler-enterprises/



#### CCP Greenlights Merger in Thermal Power Sector



m May 11, 2024



The Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP) has granted approval for a merger within the thermal power sector. The sanctioned transaction involves M/s. Whistler Enterprises (Private) Limited (WEL) acquiring a 20.97% stake in M/s. Orient Power Company (Private) Limited (OPCOL).

WEL, a newly established private limited company in Pakistan, specializes in power generation businesses and related services. On the other hand, OPCOL is an independent power producer operating a 225-MW power plant in Balloki, Kasur.

The acquisition is from M/s. Mahmood Textile Mills Limited and Khawaja Mehr Ali, facilitated by a Share Purchase Agreement. CCP's Phase I assessment identified 'Power Generation – Thermal' as the relevant market, noting that OPCOL's market share in thermal power generation remains below 1%, unaffected by the merger.

As the transaction does not result in WEL's dominance in the market, CCP authorized the merger under Section 31 of the Competition Act, 2010.

This approval signifies investor confidence in Pakistan's power sector and emphasizes competition's role in driving industry efficiency and innovation. CCP's commitment to promoting competition while fostering growth and efficiency in Pakistan's power sector is evident through this decision.

https://www.energyupdate.com.pk/2024/05/11/ccp-greenlights-merger-in-thermal-power-sector/



## Competition Commission approves merger in thermal power sector

Merger is expected to boost efficiency and productivity in the thermal power sector

The Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP) has given its approval for a merger within the thermal power sector, which includes the acquisition of a 20.97% shareholding of Orient Power Company by a private entity.

This significant development comes as Whistler Enterprises Private Limited, a recently established company under Pakistani law, enters the scene.

Whistler Enterprises Private Limited is dedicated to providing products and services in the power generation business, indicating its strategic interest in expanding its presence within the energy sector.

Meanwhile, Orient Power Company Private Limited, an independent power producer, operates a 225 MW power plant in Kasur.

The merger is expected to boost efficiency and productivity in the thermal power sector, promoting competition and innovation. The Competition Commission's approval ensures that the deal meets the regulatory requirements, safeguarding consumer interests and market competition.

https://www.samaa.tv/2087314518-competition-commission-approves-merger-in-thermal-power-sector