



MERGER ANNOUNCEMENT - M/15/020

Competition and Consumer Protection Commission to carry out full investigation of the proposed acquisition by Topaz Investments Limited of Esso Ireland Limited

12/08/2015

The Competition and Consumer Protection Commission has determined to carry out a full (phase 2) investigation in relation to the proposed transaction whereby Topaz Investments Limited would acquire the entire issued share capital and thus sole control of Esso Ireland Limited.

Following a preliminary investigation, the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission has determined that a full investigation is required in order to examine if the acquisition will substantially lessen competition in markets for goods or services in the State. The companies have been informed of the decision that the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission intends to carry out a full investigation in relation to the proposed transaction. The Commission will publish the reasons for its determination to proceed to Phase 2 on its website no later than 60 working days after the date of the Determination and after allowing the parties the opportunity to request that confidential information be removed from the published version.

Interested parties are invited to make submissions no later than **5pm on Wednesday, 02 September 2015**. Parties making submissions should indicate clearly what, if any, of the material submitted contains business secrets. Submissions should be marked "**M/15/020 – Topaz/Esso Ireland**" and should be addressed to Joseph Walser, Mergers Division, Competition and Consumer Protection Commission, PO Box 12585, Dublin 1 or sent by e-mail to josephwalser@ccpc.ie.