

PRESS RELEASE

The Competition Commission, in its meeting on 26.04.2024, considered two issues.

1. Concentration related to the proposed transaction on the acquisition of joint control of the company RESITY TECHNOLOGIES d.o.o. from Messer SE & Co. KGaA and DELTA HOLDING DOO BELGRADE.

Messer Albgaz's market share will remain unchanged even after the concentration and the concentration will not create overlaps or upstream or downstream relationships between the activities of the parties at the national level and for these reasons, the intended transaction will not bring change and will have no impact on the Albanian market.

2. The initiation of merger control procedures on the case of the creation of the joint venture Grabova Hydropower LLC by its founding partners, the company GR Albania LLC, the company Agna SHA and the company Alb-Star LLC, as well as the transaction of the sale of the shares of the company Alb-Star LLC to the company Gjoka Konstruksion SHA.

The case of the creation of the company Grabova Hydropower LLC by the companies Agna SHA, GR Albania LLC and Alb-Star LLC, as well as the transaction of the sale of shares of the company Alb-Star LLC to the company Gjoka Konstruksion LLC were not notified to the Competition Authority within the deadline defined in article 12, point 2 of law no. 9121, dated 28.07.2003 "On competition protection". The Competition Commission, based on Article 59 of Law no. 9121, dated 28.07.2003 dated 28.07.2003 "On competition protection", after noting a violation of the obligation to notify, initiates the procedures for the control of concentrations on its own initiative.

For these reasons, the Competition Commission by Decision no. 1074, dated 26.04.2024, decided to authorize the concentration related to the proposed transaction on the acquisition of joint control of the company RESITY TECHNOLOGIES d.o.o. from Messer SE & Co. KGaA and DELTA HOLDING DOO BELGRADE and by Decision no. 1075, dated 26.04.2024, decided the beginning of the concentration control procedure on the case of the creation of the joint enterprise Grabova Hydropower LLC by its founding partners, the company GR Albania LLC, the company Agna SHA and the company Alb-Star LLC and the beginning of concentration control procedure on the transaction of the sale of shares of Alb-Star LLC to Gjoka Konstruksion SHA.

Furthermore, please consult the official website of the Competition Authority at <http://caa.gov.al>