

COMPETITION TRIBUNAL OF SOUTH AFRICA

Case No.: LM196Mar23/CNF134Nov23

In the access application of:

VITOL EMERALD BIDCO (PTY) LTD

First Applicant

ENGEN LIMITED (PTY) LTD

Second Applicant

And

THE COMPETITION COMMISSION OF SOUTH

First Respondent

AFRICA

REATILE GAZ (PTY) LTD

Second Respondent

NICSHA PETROLEUM GENERAL TRADING CC T/A

Third Respondent

NICSHA PETROLEUM

TOTAL ENERGIES MARKETING SOUTH AFRICA

Fourth Respondent

(PTY) LTD

THE PETROLEUM OIL AND GAS CORPORATION OF

SOUTH AFRICA

Fifth Respondent

BP SOUTHERN AFRICA (PTY) LTD

Sixth Respondent

GULFSTREAM ENERGY (PTY) LTD

Seventh Respondent

MACK'S PETROLEUM AGENTSKAPPE (PTY) LTD

Eighth Respondent

SASOL LIMITED

Ninth Respondent

In re the large merger between:

VITOL EMERALD BIDCO (PTY) LTD

Primary Acquiring Firm

And

ENGEN LIMITED (PTY) LTD

Primary Target Firm

Panel:

M Mazwai (Presiding Member)

AW Wessels (Tribunal Member)

L Mncube (Tribunal Member)

Heard on:

11 January 2024

Order Issued on:

15 January 2024

ORDER

Having read the papers of record and heard counsel for the parties, the Competition Tribunal ("Tribunal") orders as follows:

- 1. The Applicants' external legal representatives and experts are, subject to appropriate confidentiality undertakings being provided, granted access, in terms of section 45(1) of the Competition Act No. 89 of 1998 as amended, to all information submitted to the Competition Commission by the Fourth Respondent, Fifth Respondent, and Sixth Respondent under claims of confidentiality in relation to the proposed transaction between the Applicants.
- The Competition Commission is required to provide the Applicants access to the aforementioned information by 16 January 2024 subject to the Competition Commission being satisfied with the confidentiality undertakings provided.
- 3. There is no order as to costs.

Presiding Member Date

Ms Mondo Mazwai

Concurring: Prof. Liberty Mncube and Mr Andreas Wessels