

**In the Matter of the Proposed
Acquisition by Saudi Arabian Oil
Company of Shares in Saudi Basic
Industries Corporation**

MAO Case No. M-2019-015

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COMMISSION DECISION NO. 21-M-015/2019

This is a review of the proposed acquisition by Saudi Arabian Oil Company (“Aramco”) of shares in Saudi Basic Industries Corporation (“Sabic”, and together with Aramco, the “Parties”), pursuant to Sections 16 and 17 of Republic Act No. 10667 and Section 1, Rule 4 of the Rules and Regulations to Implement the Provisions of Republic Act No. 10667.

Upon review of the findings and recommendation of the Mergers and Acquisitions Office and the Parties’ submissions, the Commission finds that the proposed acquisition by Aramco of shares in Sabic (the “Transaction”) will not likely result in substantial lessening of competition. This is because (1) the candidate relevant geographic market of the acquisition is global and the Parties have negligible or limited presence in the Philippines; and (2) post-Transaction, there remains sufficient competitive constraints from other market participants in the global market for (i) high density polyethylene; (ii) linear low density polyethylene; and (iii) homopolymers or in the markets of (i) polyethylene or (ii) polypropylene.

ACCORDINGLY, the Commission resolves to take no further action with respect to the proposed Transaction between Aramco and Sabic.

This Decision is rendered solely on the facts disclosed and circumstances of the proposed Transaction and documents submitted by Aramco and Sabic.

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