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Rules for Statoil-Hydro business conduct

Statoil and Hydro will pursue all types of business operations as competing and independent parties until the proposed merger between Statoil and Hydro's petroleum activity is completed.

Following the publications of the merger plan, questions have been posed about the commercial relationship between the two companies until the merger has been approved and implemented.

The following rules apply:

No initiatives or decisions will be taken which could be interpreted to mean that the proposed merger has taken place until the relevant competition authorities have given their consent the two companies will only cooperate on activities and share information where this would have been legal in circumstances in which no merger plans existed.

Should anyone be in doubt about the way to deal with issues related to business activities between Statoil and Hydro, they should contact the group's legal affairs function.