Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.9194 — Sharp Corporation/Skytec UMC Ltd)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2018/C 418/08)

1. On 12 November 2018, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ([1]).

This notification concerns the following undertakings:

— Sharp Corporation (Japan), controlled by Hon Hai Precision Industry CO., Ltd,

— Skytec UMC Ltd (Cyprus), jointly controlled by Sharp Corporation and Skytec Group Limited.

Sharp Corporation acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of the whole of Skytec UMC Ltd

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for Sharp Corporation: the development, manufacture and sales of multiple electronic products, including liquid crystal display ('LCD') television sets, LCD monitors, solar panels, mobile communication handsets, video projectors, multi-function printing devices, microwave ovens, air conditioners and cash registers. In addition to its own branded products, Sharp Corporation produces certain consumer electronic products for third parties.

— for Skytec UMC Ltd: the design, manufacture and distribution of television sets under its own brands, the Sharp brand and third party brands. It also sells smartphones, audio products and home appliances.

3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified transaction could fall within the scope of the Merger Regulation. However, the final decision on this point is reserved.

Pursuant to the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under the Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ([2]) it should be noted that this case is a candidate for treatment under the procedure set out in the Notice.

4. The Commission invites interested third parties to submit their possible observations on the proposed operation to the Commission.

Observations must reach the Commission not later than 10 days following the date of this publication. The following reference should always be specified:

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Observations can be sent to the Commission by email, by fax, or by post. Please use the contact details below:

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([1]) OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the 'Merger Regulation').
([2]) OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.