Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.9214 — MUFG HD/Akamai/JV)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2018/C 460/24)

1. On 14 December 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:

— Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group, Inc. ('MUFG HD', Japan),

— Akamai Technologies, Inc. ('Akamai', US).

MUFG HD and Akamai acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) and 3(4) of the Merger Regulation joint control of a newly created company constituting a joint venture (the 'JV').

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares and contribution of assets.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for MUFG HD: a holding company for entities engaged in a wide range of financial businesses,

— for Akamai: the provision of cloud services for delivering, optimising and securing content and business applications over the internet,

— for the JV: the provision of a blockchain-based online payment network in Japan.

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.