**Prior notification of a concentration**

**(Case M.9534 — CKA/Greene King)**

**Candidate case for simplified procedure**

**(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2019/C 322/07)

1. On 19 September 2019, 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:

— CK Asset Holdings Limited ('CKA', Cayman Islands),

— Greene King plc ('Greene King', United Kingdom).

CKA acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of the whole of Greene King.

The concentration is accomplished by way of public bid announced on 19 August 2019, followed by a purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for CKA: a leading multinational corporation with diverse activities encompassing property development and investment, hotel and serviced suite operation, property and project management, investment in infrastructure and utility asset operation and aircraft leasing,

— for Greene King: leading integrated pub retailer and brewer operating restaurants and hotels across England, Wales and Scotland.

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.