PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.10508 – Hutchison 3 Indonesia/Indosat)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2021/C 417/08)

1. On 6 October 2021, 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:

— PT Hutchison 3 Indonesia ('H3I', Indonesia), controlled by CK Hutchison Holdings Limited ('CKHH', Hong Kong),

— PT Indosat TBK ('Indosat', Indonesia), controlled by Ooredoo Q.P.S.C. ('Ooredoo', Qatar).

H3I and Indosat will merge within the meaning of Article 3(1)(a) of the Merger Regulation. Following the proposed merger, CKHH and Ooredoo will acquire within the meaning of Articles 3(1)(b) and 3(4) of the Merger Regulation joint control of the surviving entity. The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for H3I: provider of cellular telecommunications services in Indonesia, including traditional mobile data, voice, SMS, roaming services, as well as value-added services such as games, music, movies. H3I is currently controlled by CKHH, a multinational conglomerate that has four core businesses: ports and related services, retail, infrastructure and telecommunications;

— for Indosat: provider of telecommunication services in Indonesia, including mobile data, voice, SMS and roaming services, fixed data and wireless broadband services as well as fixed telecommunication and digital services. Indosat is currently controlled by Ooredoo, a telecommunications group, ultimately controlled by Qatar Investment Authority, which provides telecommunication services in Qatar and in the Asia and Middle East and North African region.

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.

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

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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