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Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.12001 – MITSUI / MHI / MELCO / JV)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(C/2025/5130)

1. On 10 September 2025, 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:

— Mitsui & Co., Ltd. ('Mitsui', Japan),

— Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Ltd. ('MHI', Japan),

— Mitsubishi Electric Corporation ('MEC', Japan).

Mitsui, MHI, and MEC will acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) and 3(4) of the Merger Regulation joint control of Japan Leo Shachu, Inc. ('JLS', Japan).

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are the following:

— Mitsui is a trading house with registered offices in Japan with its geographic area of activity spanning Asia, the Americas, Europe, the Commonwealth of Independent States, Africa, the Middle East, and Oceania,

— MHI is engaged in the businesses of energy systems (power generation systems), plants and infrastructure systems (commercial ships, engineering, etc.), logistics, thermal and drive systems (material handling equipment, engines, air conditioning systems, etc.), aircraft, defence and space with its geographic area of activity spanning Asia, the Americas, Europe, the Middle East, Oceania and Africa,

— MEC is engaged in the businesses of public utility systems, energy systems, defence and space systems, factory automation systems, automotive equipment, building systems, air conditioning and home products, digital innovation, and semiconductors with its geographic area of activity spanning the Americas, Asia-Pacific, Europe, the Commonwealth of Independent States, the Middle East and Africa.

3. The business activities of the undertaking JLS are the following:

Development and operation of the Japan Module and HTV-XC (unmanned cargo transporter) for US commercial space stations, and provision of related services, making use of the Space Strategy Fund currently wholly owned and solely controlled by Mitsui.

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

5. The Commission invites interested third parties to submit their possible observations on the proposed concentration to the Commission.

([1]) OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the 'Merger Regulation').
([2]) OJ C 160, 5.5.2023, p. 1.

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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