Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.8760 — EPH/Mátrai Erőmű)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2018/C 29/07)

1. On 18 January 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:

— Energetický a průmyslový holding, a.s. ('EPH', Czech Republic),

— Mátrai Erőmű Zártkörűen Működő Részvénytársaság ('Mátra', Hungary).

EPH indirectly acquires, within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation, sole control over the whole of Mátra.

The concentration is accomplished by way of a purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for EPH: utility company engaged in lignite extraction, electricity and heat production, distribution and supply, as well as gas transmission, distribution and storage. In Hungary, it operates three gas-fired power plants, provides balancing services, as well as district heating in Budapest.

— for Mátra: owns and operates a 966 MW, mainly lignite-fired power plant in Visonta. It also produces electricity from a biomass and solar plant. Furthermore, it owns and operates two open pit mines in Visonta and Bükkábrány.

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 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:

M.8760 — EPH/Mátrai Erőmű

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

E-mail:

COMP-MERGER-REGISTRY@ec.europa.eu

Fax

+32 22964301

Postal address:

European Commission
Directorate-General for Competition
Merger Registry
1049 Bruxelles/Brussel
BELGIQUE/BELGIË

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