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PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.8656 — Mitsui/Sime Darby/JV)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2017/C 370/04)

1. On 20 October 2017, 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)

— Sime Darby Property (Sungai Kapar) Sdn Bhd ('Sime Darby', Malaysia), belonging to the Sime Darby group.

Mitsui and Sime Darby acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) and 3(4) of the Merger Regulation joint control over a newly created joint venture (the 'JV').

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares in a newly created company constituting a joint venture.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for Mitsui: a Japanese general trading company engaged in business areas such as machinery, electronics, iron and steel, coal and non-ferrous metals, chemicals as well as energy.

— for Sime Darby: a Malaysia-based company mainly engaged in property development.

— for JV: it will acquire and develop plots of land as a logistics/industrial park in Malaysia.

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

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