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PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.10507 – HITACHI RAIL / GROUND TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS BUSINESS OF THALES)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2022/C 391/04)

1. On 4 October 2022, 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:

— Hitachi Rail, Ltd. ('Hitachi Rail', United Kingdom), controlled by Hitachi, Ltd. (Japan),

— The Ground Transportation Systems business of Thales S.A. ('Thales GTS', France).

Hitachi Rail will acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of the whole of Thales GTS.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

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

— Hitachi Rail is a globally active provider of transport solutions including rolling stock, signalling systems, turnkey solutions, maintenance services and components,

— Thales GTS is a globally active provider of rail signalling and train control systems, telecommunications and supervision systems and fare collection solutions.

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.

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.10507 – Hitachi Rail / Thales GTS

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').

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