Prior notification of a concentration

(Case COMP/M.6603 — Hon Hai/Sharp/Sharp Display Products)

(Text with EEA relevance)

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1. On 21 May 2012, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ([1]) by which the undertakings Hon Hai Precision Industry Co. ('Hon Hai', Taiwan) and Sharp Corporation ('Sharp', Japan) acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation joint control of the undertaking Sharp Display Products Corporation ('SDP', Japan) by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for Sharp: manufacturing and sale of a wide range of consumer and information products and electronic components,

— for Hon Hai: providing electronic manufacturing services to original equipment manufacturers of electronic products, and manufacturing and selling a limited range of electronic products and components under its own brand,

— for SDP: manufacturing and sale of thin film transistor liquid crystal displays ('TFT-LCD') panels.

3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified transaction could fall within the scope the EC 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. Observations can be sent to the Commission by fax (+32 22964301), by e-mail to COMP-MERGER-REGISTRY@ec.europa.eu or by post, under reference number COMP/M.6603 — Hon Hai/Sharp/Sharp Display Products, to the following address:

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([1]) OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the 'EC Merger Regulation').