Prior notification of a concentration

(Case COMP/M.6689 — Iridium/LBEIP/Desarrollo de Equipamientos Públicos)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2012/C 240/09)

1. On 31 July 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 Lloyds Bank European Infrastructure Partners ('LBEIP') belonging to the Lloyds Banking Group and Iridium Concessiones de Infraestructuras, SA ('Iridium'), belonging to the group ACS acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation joint control of the undertaking Desarrollo de Equipamientos Públicos, S.L. ('DEP') by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— DEP is a transit transportation hubs concession management company,

— Iridium manages and operates all types of government concessions involving transport and public infrastructure works,

— ACS is a diversified construction and services group,

— LBEIP is a pension fund manager, which invests in infrastructure projects,

— The Lloyds Banking Group is a financial services group.

3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified transaction could fall within the scope of the EC 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 EC Merger Regulation ([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. Observations can be sent to the Commission by fax (+32 22964301), by email to COMP-MERGER-REGISTRY@ec.europa.eu or by post, under reference number COMP/M.6689 — Iridium/LBEIP/Desarrollo de Equipamientos Públicos, to the following address:

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([1]) OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the 'EC Merger Regulation').
([2]) OJ C 56, 5.3.2005, p. 32 ('Notice on a simplified procedure').