

**Prior notification of a concentration**  
**(Case M.8610 — CKI/CKP/ista Group)**  
**Candidate case for simplified procedure**  
**(Text with EEA relevance)**  
(2017/C 294/05)

1. On 28 August 2017, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004<sup>(1)</sup> by which the undertaking CK Hutchison Holdings Limited ('CKHH', the Cayman Islands), indirectly via CK Infrastructure Holding Limited ('CKI', Bermuda), and Cheung Kong Property Holding Limited ('CKP', Cayman Islands) acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of the whole of the ista Group, whose ultimate holding company is ista Luxembourg GmbH Sarl ('ista' Luxembourg) by way of a purchase of shares.
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
  - for CKHH: active in five core businesses (i) ports and related services, (ii) retail, (iii) infrastructure, (iv) energy and (v) telecommunications. Within CKHH, CKI manages diversified investments in energy infrastructure, transportation infrastructure, water infrastructure, waste management, waste-to-energy and infrastructure related businesses;
  - for CKP: property development and investment, hotel and serviced suite operation, property and project management, infrastructure investments and aircraft leasing;
  - for ista: the provision of heat and water sub-metering services as well as related services mainly in the EEA, with a focus on Germany, France and Denmark.
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<sup>(2)</sup> it should be noted that this case is a candidate for treatment under the procedure set out in this 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 M.8610 — CKI/CKP/ista Group, to the following address:

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 ('the Merger Regulation').

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.