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Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.8694 — Hochtief/Abertis)

(Text with EEA relevance)

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1. On 22 December 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:

- Hochtief AG (Hochtief, Germany), a subsidiary of ACS (Spain)
- Abertis Infraestructuras, SA ('Abertis', Spain).

Hochtief acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control over Abertis.

The concentration is accomplished by way of a public tender competing offer announced by Hochtief on 18 October 2017.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for Hochtief: construction, concessions, real estate, facilities management, contract mining, engineering and related services. Within the EEA, Hochtief is active in the Czech Republic, Germany, Greece, the Netherlands, Poland, Spain and the United Kingdom,
- for Abertis: toll motorway concessions and provision of mobility and telecommunications infrastructure services. Within the EEA, Abertis is active in Spain, France and, to a lesser extent, in Italy.

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:

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

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