

Prior notification of a concentration
(Case COMP/M.4056 — Hochtief AirPort/CDPQ/Budapest Airport)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(2005/C 297/07)

(Text with EEA relevance)

1. On 17 November 2005, 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 HOCHTIEF AirPort GmbH ('HOCHTIEF AirPort', Germany), controlled by HOCHTIEF Aktiengesellschaft, and Caisse de Dépôt et Placement du Québec ('CDPQ', Canada) acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation joint control of the undertaking Budapest Airport Rt. ('Budapest Airport', Hungary) by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for HOCHTIEF AirPort: airport management services of Athens, Düsseldorf, Hamburg, Sydney and Tirana airports;
- for CDPQ: management of funds for public and private pension and insurance funds;
- for Budapest Airport: airport management services of the Budapest airport.

3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified transaction could fall within the scope of Regulation (EC) No 139/2004. However, the final decision on this point is reserved. Pursuant to the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽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 (No (32-2) 296 43 01 or 296 72 44) or by post, under reference number COMP/M.4056 — Hochtief AirPort/CDPQ/Budapest Airport, to the following address:

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⁽¹⁾ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 56, 5.3.2005, p. 32.