

Prior notification of a concentration
(Case COMP/M.5463 — Hitachi/Hitachi Koki)
Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

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1. On 14 January 2009, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾ by which Hitachi, Ltd. (Japan, part of the Hitachi Group) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation control of part of Hitachi Koki Co., Ltd. (Japan) by way of public bid announced on 14 January 2009.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for Hitachi: information and telecommunications systems, electronic devices, power and industrial systems, digital media and consumer products, high functional material and components, logistics, services and others, financial services,
- for Hitachi Koki: manufacture of power-driven tools and manufacture of life science instruments.

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 ((32-2) 296 43 01 or 296 72 44) or by post, under reference number COMP/M.5463 — Hitachi/Hitachi Koki, 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.