

**Prior notification of a concentration**

**(Case M.9566 — CK Asset/CK Hutchison/Alberta/Northumbrian Water/Northumbrian Services/West Gas/Western Gas/UK Rails/Dutch Enviro)**

**Candidate case for simplified procedure**

**(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2019/C 332/10)

1. On 26 September 2019, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 <sup>(1)</sup>.

This notification concerns the following undertakings:

- CK Asset Holdings Limited ('CKA', Hong Kong),
- CK Hutchison Holdings Limited ('CKHH', Hong Kong),
- 1822604 Alberta Ltd (Canada), controlled by CKHH,
- Northumbrian Water Group Limited (UK), controlled by CKHH,
- Northumbrian Services Limited (UK), controlled by CKHH,
- West Gas Networks Limited (UK), controlled by CKHH,
- Western Gas Networks Limited (UK), controlled by CKHH,
- UK Rails SARL (UK), controlled by CKHH,
- Dutch Enviro Energy Holdings BV (the Netherlands), controlled by CKHH.

CKA and CKHH acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) and 3(4) of the Merger Regulation joint control of the whole of 1822604 Alberta Ltd, Northumbrian Water Group Limited, Northumbrian Services Limited, West Gas Networks Limited, Western Gas Networks Limited, UK Rails SARL and Dutch Enviro Energy Holdings BV.

The concentration is accomplished by way of contract or any other means.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- For CKA: property development and investment, hotel and serviced suite operation, property and project management, investment in infrastructure and utility asset operation and aircraft leasing.
- For CKHH: ports and related services, retail, infrastructure, energy and telecommunications.
- For 1822604 Alberta Ltd: off-airport car parking in Canada.
- For Northumbrian Water Group Limited and Northumbrian Services Limited: water supply, sewerage and waste water in England and Wales.
- For West Gas Networks Limited and Western Gas Networks Limited: gas distribution network in Wales and the South-West of England.
- For UK Rails SARL: the owner of Eversholt Rail Group, a rolling stock owning company in the United Kingdom.
- For Dutch Enviro Energy Holdings BV: supply of energy from waste in the Netherlands.

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

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 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. The following reference should always be specified:

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