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EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration**(Case COMP/M.7110 — GIC Realty/British Land/Broadgate)****Candidate case for simplified procedure****(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2014/C 8/06)

1. On 3 January 2014, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾ by which the GIC (Realty) Private Limited ('GIC Realty', Singapore) and The British Land Company plc ('British Land', the United Kingdom) acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation joint control of Bluebutton Properties Limited ('Bluebutton Properties', the United Kingdom) by way of purchase of shares.
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
 - for GIC Realty: the ownership and administration of the real estate assets of the government of Singapore,
 - for British Land: the ownership and management of real estate,
 - for Bluebutton Properties: the rental and operation of commercial real estate at Broadgate (London).
3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified transaction could fall within the scope of the EC 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 EC Merger Regulation ⁽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 22964301), by email to COMP-MERGER-REGISTRY@ec.europa.eu or by post, under reference number COMP/M.7110 — GIC Realty/British Land/Broadgate, to the following address:

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

⁽²⁾ OJ C 56, 5.3.2005, p. 32 ('Notice on a simplified procedure').