

**Prior notification of a concentration**  
**(Case M.8011 — SIA Group/Airbus Group/JV)**  
**Candidate case for simplified procedure**  
**(Text with EEA relevance)**  
(2016/C 221/06)

1. On 8 June 2016, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004<sup>(1)</sup> by which the undertakings SIA Engineering Company Limited ('SIAEC', Singapore) belonging to the Singapore Airlines group and Airbus Services Asia Pacific Pte. Ltd ('ASAP', Singapore) belonging to the Airbus group acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) and 3(4) of the Merger Regulation joint control of a newly created company constituting a joint venture (the 'JV', Singapore) by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for Singapore Airlines: the provision of air passenger and cargo transportation services as well as engineering services such as airframe maintenance and overhaul services, line maintenance, technical ground handling services, and fleet management programme. Singapore Airlines also provides other services to third parties, including training of pilots, air charters, and tour wholesaling,
- for Airbus: aeronautics, space and defence-related services,
- for the JV: supply maintenance, repair and overhaul services (specifically, heavy maintenance and, indirectly, line maintenance) to commercial airlines with their principal place of business in the Asia-Pacific region and that are operating Airbus A350 XWB, A380 and A330 aircraft.

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 this 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 M.8011 — SIA Group/Airbus Group/JV, to the following address:

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

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