

*Case No COMP/M.2310 -
HUTCHISON /
INVESTOR / HI3G*

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**REGULATION (EEC) No 4064/89
MERGER PROCEDURE**

Article 6(1)(b) NON-OPPOSITION
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MERGER PROCEDURE
ARTICLE 6(1)(b) DECISION

SIMPLIFIED PROCEDURE

To the notifying parties

Dear Madam / Sir(s),

Subject: Case No. COMP/M. 2310 - HUTCHISON/INVESTOR/HI3G

Notification of 22.01.2001 pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EEC) No. 4064/89¹

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1. On 22.01.2001, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89 by which the undertakings Hutchison Whampoa Limited (“Hutchison”) (Hong Kong) and Investor AB (“Investor”) (Sweden) acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation joint control of HI3G Access AB (HI3G) (Sweden) by way contract of management and purchase of shares in a newly created company constituting a joint venture.
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are :
 - for Hutchison: diversified corporation with activities focused on telecommunications and e-commerce, ports, property and hotels, retail and manufacturing and energy and infrastructure;

¹ OJ L 395, 30.12.1989 p. 1; corrected version OJ L 257 of 21.9.1990, p. 13, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1310/97, OJ L 180, 9.7.1997, p. 1, corrigendum in OJ L 40, 13.2.1998, p. 17.

- for Investor: holding company with minority participations in various industrial companies such as ABB, AstraZeneca and Ericsson. Investor controls Saab/Celsius jointly with British Aerospace;
 - for HI3G: UMTS² licensee in Sweden.
3. After examination of the notification, the Commission has concluded that the notified operation falls within the scope of Council Regulation (EEC) No. 4064/89 and of paragraph 4, subparagraph b) of the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89³.
 4. For the reasons set out in the Notice on a simplified procedure, the Commission has decided not to oppose the notified operation and to declare it compatible with the common market and with the EEA Agreement. This decision is adopted in application of Article 6(1)(b) of Council Regulation (EEC) No. 4064/89.

For the Commission,
Mario Monti
Member of the Commission

² Universal Mobile Telecommunications system.

³ OJ C 217, 29.07.2000, p. 32.