

Anticipated joint venture between Baker Hughes Holdings LLC and Akastor ASA

Decision on relevant merger situation

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The CMA's decision on reference under section 33(1) of the Enterprise Act 2002 given on 3 August 2021. Full text of the decision published on 6 August 2021.

1. On 2 March 2021, Baker Hughes Holdings LLC and Akastor ASA entered into a transaction agreement, pursuant to which they agreed to establish a joint venture company combining Baker Hughes Holdings LLC's subsea drilling systems business and Akastor ASA's subsidiary MHWirth AS. Both businesses being contributed to the joint venture supply equipment that is used for drilling for hydrocarbons.
2. On the basis of the information available to it, the Competition and Markets Authority does not believe that it is or may be the case that arrangements are in progress or in contemplation which, if carried into effect, will result in the creation of a relevant merger situation because neither the turnover test nor the share of supply test set out in section 23 of the Enterprise Act 2002 is met.
3. The joint venture will therefore not be referred under section 33 of the Enterprise Act 2002.

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