



FAIR COMPETITION COMMISSION



IN THE MATTER OF THE NOTIFICATION OF A MERGER BY
HELIOS TOWER AFRICA HOLDINGS LIMITED TO ACQUIRE
HELIOS TOWERS TANZANIA LIMITED

PUBLIC NOTICE

(Made under Section 65 (2) (g) of the Fair Competition Act Cap No. 8 of 2003 and Rules 42 (5) and 49 of the Fair Competition Commission Procedure Rules, 2013)

The Fair Competition Commission (FCC) is an independent statutory body established under the Fair Competition Act No. 8 of 2003 (FCA) with the object of enhancing the welfare of the people of Tanzania by promoting and protecting effective competition in markets and preventing unfair and misleading market conduct throughout Tanzania Mainland.

Under the same Act, the FCC has powers to investigate, *inter alia*, entry into and exit from markets. The FCC has received a merger notification to the effect that **Helios Tower Africa Holdings Limited (The Acquiring Firm)**, a company incorporated in Mauritius, with registration number 95361, intends to acquire assets in Helios Towers Tanzania Limited (the **Target Firm**).

The Acquiring Firm is a holding company within the Helios Towers Africa Group of companies and indirect owner of HTT Infracore Limited, a Tanzanian entity and holder of Network Facilities License. Its business involves acquiring, constructing, owning, managing, operating and maintaining communication masts, tower, tower sites or building used or to be used for, or which do or will contain telecommunications services in Tanzania. It is also involved in leasing, subleasing and managing space on masts, towers,

tower sites and buildings to multiple GSM carriers, fixed wireless carriers and other providers of telecommunications services.

The Target Firm's business activities involve in ownership and maintenance of telecommunications towers and lease space on those towers to wireless communications services providers in Tanzania.

The Acquiring Firm intends to acquire 24.06% of shares in the Target Firm that is currently owned by Vodacom Tanzania Plc. Following completion, the Target Firm will be ultimately owned by the Acquiring Firm through its various group entities.

FCC is currently investigating the intended acquisition in line with the provisions of the Fair Competition Act and the Fair Competition Commission Procedure Rules, 2013. Pursuant to Rule 49 of the said Rules, parties (both legal or natural) who deem themselves as having sufficient interest in this merger, or, if the merger is not objected to, it will have or is likely to have material effect on their interests, are hereby notified register their interests and or objections (if any) or file any information that will assist the FCC in reaching a just and reasonable decision with regard to **HTA Holdings Limited** notification of an intended merger. All such parties shall file and register such interest(s) or information by way of written submissions to the FCC within **FOURTEEN** days (14) from the first day of publication of this notice. No submission filed after the said deadline will be accepted.

Submissions must be submitted to the FCC at the address below.

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