Prior notification of a concentration

(Case COMP/M.1944 — HSBC/CCF)

(2000/C 125/07)

(Text with EEA relevance)

1. On 25 April 2000 the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89 ([1]), as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1310/97 ([2]), by which the British undertaking HSBC Holdings, plc (HSBC), acquires, within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Regulation, sole control of the whole of the French undertaking CCF SA (CCF) by way of public bid announced on 1 April 2000.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— HSBC: banking and financial services,

— CCF: commercial banking and financial services.

3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified concentration could fall within the scope of Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89. However, the final decision on this point is reserved.

4. The Commission invites interested third parties to submit their possible observations on the proposed operation.

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 (No (32-2) 296 43 01 or 296 72 44) or by post, under reference COMP/M.1944 — HSBC/CCF, to:

European Commission,
Directorate-General for Competition,
Directorate B — Merger Task Force,
Avenue de Cortenberg/Kortenberglaan 150,
B-1040 Brussels.

([1]) OJ L 395, 30.12.1989, p. 1; corrigendum: OJ L 257, 21.9.1990, p. 13.
([2]) OJ L 180, 9.7.1997, p. 1; corrigendum: OJ L 40, 13.2.1998, p. 17.

Non-opposition to a notified concentration

(Case COMP/JV.39 — Bertelsmann/Planeta/NEB)

(2000/C 125/08)

(Text with EEA relevance)

On 28 February 2000, the Commission decided not to oppose the above notified concentration and to declare it compatible with the common market. This decision is based on Article 6(1)(b) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89. The full text of the decision is only available in English and will be made public after it is cleared of any business secrets it may contain. It will be available:

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