## Prior notification of a concentration

## (Case COMP/M.2464 — Nomura International/Le Meridien Hotels)

**Candidate case for simplified procedure**

(2001/C 167/03)

**(Text with EEA relevance)**

1. On 5 June 2001 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 UK undertaking, Nomura International plc (Nomura), a wholly owned subsidiary of The Nomura Securities Co. Ltd (NSCL), acquires, within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Regulation, control of substantially all of the Le Meridien worldwide network of hotls through a structure of warrant holding.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— Nomura: banking and financial services,

— NSCL: international investment banking,

— Le Meridien: hotels.

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. Pursuant to the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89 ([3]), it should be noted that this case is a candidate for treatment under the procedure set out in the notice.

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 by fax (No (32-2) 296 43 01 or 296 72 44) or by post, under reference COMP/M.2464 — Nomura International/Le Meridien Hotels, to:

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Directorate-General for Competition,
Directorate B — Merger Task Force,
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([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.

([3]) OJ C 217, 29.7.2000, p. 32.