

Prior notification of a concentration
(Case COMP/M.3705 — Kohlberg Kravis Roberts/Masonite International)
Candidate case for simplified procedure

(2005/C 21/06)

(Text with EEA relevance)

1. On 14 January 2005, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾ by which the undertaking Stile Acquisition Corp ('Stile Acquisition', Canada), which is controlled by Kohlberg Kravis Roberts ('KKR', USA), acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation control of the whole of the undertaking Masonite International Corporation ('Masonite International', Canada), by way of purchase of shares.
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
 - for Stile Acquisition: acquisition vehicle,
 - for KKR: private equity investment company,
 - for Masonite International: manufacture of doors, door components and entry systems to residential and commercial use.
3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified transaction could fall within the scope of Regulation (EC) No 139/2004. However, the final decision on this point is reserved. Pursuant to the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽²⁾ 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 to the Commission.

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 number COMP/M.3705 — Kohlberg Kravis Roberts/Masonite International to the following address:

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⁽¹⁾ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ Available on DG COMP website:

http://europa.eu.int/comm/competition/mergers/legislation/consultation/simplified_tru.pdf.