Prior notification of a concentration

(Case COMP/M.4399 — LBO France/Vinci Airport Services)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(2006/C 225/04)

(Text with EEA relevance)

1. On 11 September 2006, 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 LBO France Gestion SAS ('LBO France', France) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation control of the whole of the undertakings European Flight Services SAS (France), France Handling SA (France), Worldwide Flight Services Inc (USA), Worldwide Flight Services Limited (UK), SpaTrans Holding Limited (UK), and Worldwide Flight Services France Holding SA ((France), (together 'Vinci Airport Services') belonging to the Vinci Group by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— LBO France: management of investment funds;

— Vinci Airport Services: active in the airport services sector: cargo handling, ground handling, technical services.

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 (fax No (32-2) 296 43 01 or 296 72 44) or by post, under reference number COMP/M.4399 — LBO France/Vinci Airport Services, to the following address:

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([1]) OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1.
([2]) OJ C 56, 5.3.2005, p. 32.