Prior notification of a concentration

(Case COMP/M.4726 — Thomson/Reuters)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2007/C 210/09)

1. On 3 September 2007, 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 The Thomson Corporation ('Thomson', Canada) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation control of the whole of the undertaking Reuters Group PLC ('Reuters', United Kingdom) by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for undertaking Thomson: provider of value-added information, integrated with software tools and applications, to professionals in legal, tax, accounting, financial services, scientific research and healthcare markets,

— for undertaking Reuters: provider of information, trading capabilities, related software and news to professionals in financial services, media and corporate markets.

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.

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 ((32-2) 296 43 01 or 296 72 44) or by post, under reference number COMP/M.4726 — Thomson/Reuters, to the following address:

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([1]) OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1.