Prior notification of a concentration

(Case COMP/M.4916 — GE Money/BPH)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2007/C 221/06)

1. On 13 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 GE Money belonging to General Electric Company ('GE', USA) acquire, within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation, sole control of Bank BPH S.A. ('BPH', Poland) and BPH Towarzystwo Funduszy Inwestycyjnych S.A. ('BPH TFI', Poland) by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for GE: various manufacturing, technology, and services,

— for GE Money: banking and credit services,

— for BPH: retail and corporate banking,

— for BPH TFI: asset management.

3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified concentration 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 ((32-2) 296 43 01 or 296 72 44) or by post, under reference number COMP/M.4916 — GE Money/BPH 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.