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PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMPETITION POLICY

COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case COMP/M.5255 — TDK/Epcos)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2008/C 210/07)

1. On 8 August 2008 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 TDK Corporation ('TDK', Japan) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation control of the whole of the undertaking Epcos AG ('Epcos', Germany) by way of public bid announced on 31 July 2008.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for TDK: development, production and sale of (i) electronic materials and components, including passive and electromechanical components and (ii) recording media including audiotapes, videotapes, CD-Rs, Minidiscs, DVDs and tape-based data storage media for computers,

— for Epcos: development, production and sale of electronic components, in particular passive electromechanical components.

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.5255 — TDK/Epcos, to the following address:

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