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EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration**(Case COMP/M.6244 — BNP Paribas/Fortis Commercial Finance Holding)****(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2011/C 239/07)

1. On 4 August 2011, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 and following a referral pursuant to Article 4(5) of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾ by which the undertaking BNP Paribas (France) acquires, within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation, control of the whole of the undertaking Fortis Commercial Finance Holding NV ('FCF', the Netherlands) by way of a purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for BNP Paribas: retail banking, asset management and services, corporate and investment banking,
- for FCF: factoring services.

3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified transaction could fall within the scope the EC Merger Regulation. 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 22964301), by e-mail to COMP-MERGER-REGISTRY@ec.europa.eu or by post, under reference number COMP/M.6244 — BNP Paribas/Fortis Commercial Finance Holding, to the following address:

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⁽¹⁾ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the 'EC Merger Regulation').