Prior notification of a concentration

(Case COMP/M.6621 — CNP Assurances/BNP Paribas/Immeuble Val-de-Marne)

(Text with EEA relevance)

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1. On 22 June 2012, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ([1]) by which the undertakings CNP Assurances ('CNP Assurances', France) and BNP Paribas, through its subsidiary Cardif Assurance Vie ('Cardif', France), acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation joint control of a property ('the building'), by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— CNP Assurances: active in personal insurance in France, and more precisely, the areas of life, pension and personal risk insurance,

— Cardif: life insurance company belonging to the French banking group BNP Paribas,

— The building: a property for use as offices located in Charenton-le-Pont (department of Val-de-Marne in France).

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.6621 — CNP Assurances/BNP Paribas/Immeuble Val-de-Marne, to the following address:

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