

**Prior notification of a concentration**  
**(Case COMP/M.6712 — Carlyle/Getty Images)**  
**Candidate case for simplified procedure**  
**(Text with EEA relevance)**  
(2012/C 278/05)

1. On 7 September 2012, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 <sup>(1)</sup> by which the undertaking Griffey Investors, L.P. ('Griffey Investors', United States), ultimately controlled by the Carlyle Group ('Carlyle', United States) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of the undertaking Getty Images, Inc. ('Getty Images', United States), by way of purchase of shares.
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
  - for Carlyle: alternative asset manager,
  - for Getty Images: creation and distribution of digital media content, including visual content such as creative or 'stock' imagery, stock footage, editorial imagery, illustrations and related services, as well as music downloads, to business clients.
3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified transaction could fall within the scope of the EC Merger Regulation. However, the final decision on this point is reserved. Pursuant to the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under the EC Merger Regulation <sup>(2)</sup> 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 22964301), by email to COMP-MERGER-REGISTRY@ec.europa.eu or by post, under reference number COMP/M.6712 — Carlyle/Getty Images, to the following address:

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the 'EC Merger Regulation').

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ C 56, 5.3.2005, p. 32 ('Notice on a simplified procedure').