

Prior notification of a concentration**(Case COMP/M.6564 — ARM/Giesecke & Devrient/Gemalto/JV)****(Text with EEA relevance)**

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1. On 14 September 2012, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾ by which the undertakings ARM Limited ('ARM', UK), Giesecke & Devrient GmbH ('G&D', Germany) and Gemalto NV ('Gemalto', Netherlands) acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation joint control of the undertaking Newincco 1150 Limited ('Newincco', UK) by way of purchase of shares in a newly created company constituting a joint venture. On 15 June 2012, the Commission received a notification of the same concentration. However, on 3 July 2012, the notifying parties informed the Commission that they withdrew their notification.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- ARM is a semiconductor intellectual property supplier. ARM creates and provides intellectual property solutions for microprocessors, cache and system on chip designs, application specific standard products, related software, and development tools,
- G&D is active in security solutions for the production and processing of banknotes, and provides smart cards and other products and services for telecommunications, cashless payment, mobile business applications, public transport, Internet and network security,
- Gemalto is active in the production of digital security solutions in various fields, including mobile communications, machine-to-machine, and secure transactions,
- Newincco will develop and sell digital security solutions, consisting in 'Trusted Execution Environments', to ensure that sensitive data on consumer electronic devices is stored, processed and protected in a trusted environment.

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.6564 — ARM/Giesecke & Devrient/Gemalto/JV, to the following address:

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