Prior notification of a concentration

(Case COMP/M.6694 — Helvetia/Certain parts of Gan Eurocourtage's Transport and Marine Insurance Portfolio)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2012/C 312/12)

1. On 4 October 2012, 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 Helvetia Assurances SA ('Helvetia Assurances SA', France) indirectly controlled by Helvetia Holding AG ('Helvetia Holding', Switzerland acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of part of Gan Eurocourtage SA ('the target', France) by way of purchase of assets.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— Helvetia is a pan-European insurance company active both in the life and the non-life insurance sectors,

— the target is the portfolio of GEC's Marine and Transport Insurance contracts (excluding aviation and space) and their related assets underwritten in France and the various French overseas territories.

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.6694 — Helvetia/Certain parts of Gan Eurocourtage's Transport and Marine Insurance Portfolio, to the following address:

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