Prior notification of a concentration
(Case No IV/M.931 — Neste/IVO)

(98/C 126/04)

(Text with EEA relevance)

1. On 14 April 1998, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89 (') by which the recently established state-owned holding company IVO-Neste Yhtymän Oy (‘IVO-Neste’) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Regulation sole control of the whole of the undertakings Neste Oy (‘Neste’) and Imatran Voima Oy (‘IVO’) by way of purchase of shares.

2. IVO-Neste undertakes to relinquish its control of Gasum Oy (‘Gasum’), a wholly controlled subsidiary of Neste operating in the field of natural gas.

3. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
   - Neste: oil, energy (natural gas, liquefied petroleum gas and heat supply), chemical business,
   - IVO: power and heat generation, power trading, energy distribution and supply, operation and maintenance of power plants, engineering, energy measurement and grid services.

4. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified concentration could fall within the scope of Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89. However, the final decision on this point is reserved.

5. The Commission invites interested third parties to submit their possible observations on the proposed operation.

Observations must reach the Commission not later than 10 days following the date of this publication. Observations can be sent by fax (No (32-2) 296 43 01/296 72 44) or by post, under reference IV/M.931 — Neste/IVO, to the following address:

European Commission,
Directorate-General for Competition (DG IV),
Directorate B — Merger Task Force,
Avenue de Cortenberg/Kortenberglaan 150,
B-1040 Brussels.


Prior notification of a concentration
(Case No IV/M.1185 — Alcatel/Thomson CSF — SCS)

(98/C 126/05)

(Text with EEA relevance)

1. On 17 April 1998, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89 (’’) by which the undertakings Alcatel and Thomson CSF acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Regulation joint control of the undertaking Société Commune de Satellites (‘SCS’) by way of purchase of shares in a newly created company constituting a joint venture.