Prior notification of a concentration

(Case COMP/M.1772 — Continental Teves/Automotive Distance Control)

(1999/C 351/09)

(Text with EEA relevance)

1. On 26 November 1999, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89 (1), as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1310/97 (2), by which the undertakings Continental Teves AG & CO., oHG (ContiTeves), Germany, TEMIC Telefunken Microelectronic GmbH (TEMIC), Germany, and Leica Geosystems AG (LeicaGeo), Switzerland, acquire, within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Regulation, joint control of the undertaking Automotive Distance Control Systeme GmbH (ADC), Germany, by way of purchase of securities.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— ContiTeves: development, manufacture and distribution of braking equipment, braking control systems and braking fluid for motor vehicles,

— TEMIC: automotive electronics for motor vehicles,

— LeicaGeo: development, manufacture, distribution of optical, mechanical, electronic and electro-optic devices, instruments and systems,

— ADC: development, manufacture, distribution and service of distance control systems for the automobile industries.

3. 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.

4. 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 or 296 72 44) or by post, under reference COMP/M.1772 — Continental Teves/Automotive Distance Control, to:

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