Prior notification of a concentration
(Case COMP/M.1778 — Freudenberg/Phoenix/JV)
(1999/C 371/07)
(Text with EEA relevance)

1. On 14 December 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 Freudenberg KG & Co. (Freudenberg), Germany, and Phoenix AG (Phoenix), Germany, acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Regulation joint control in a newly created company constituting a joint venture.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
   — Freudenberg: development, production and distribution of technical gaskets and anti-vibrating devices and equipment for vehicles, non-vowen fabrics, lubricants,
   — Phoenix: development, production and distribution of elastomers and acoustic insulation systems for the automobile industries,
   — JV: development, production and distribution of anti-vibrating device 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.1778 — Freudenberg/Phoenix/JV, to:

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