Prior notification of a concentration
(Case COMP/M.2720 — Alcoa/Elkem)
(2002/C 53/09)
(Text with EEA relevance)

1. On 20 February 2002 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 undertaking Alcoa Inc. USA (Alcoa) acquires, within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Regulation, control of the Norwegian undertaking Elkem A/S (Elkem) by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— Alcoa: active at various levels of the aluminium industry,

— Elkem: production and marketing of various ferro-alloys, silicon metals, microsilica, carbon, energy and primary aluminium.

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.2720 — Alcoa/Elkem, to:

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