Prior notification of a concentration
(Case COMP/M.2788 — New Holding for Tourism BV/Preussag AG/Neos JV)

Candidate case for simplified procedure
(2002/C 108/07)

(Text with EEA relevance)

1. On 25 April 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 German undertaking Preussag AG (Preussag) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of that Regulation joint control of the undertaking Neos SpA (Neos) currently controlled by NHT New Holding for Tourism BV (NHT), a Dutch subholding of Giovanni Agnelli & C Sapar by way of purchase of shares in a newly created company constituting a joint venture.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
— Preussag: tourism, logistics and energy,
— NHT: several economic sectors including tourism,
— Neos: charter airline.

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. Pursuant to the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89 (3), it should be noted that this case is a candidate for treatment under the procedure set out in the Notice.

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.2788 — New Holding for Tourism BV/Preussag AG/Neos JV, to:

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(3) OJ C 217, 29.7.2000, p. 32.