Prior notification of a concentration
(Case COMP/M. 4106 — Isola/Poly clad)

(Text with EEA relevance)

1. On 9 March 2006, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 and following a referral pursuant to Article 4(5) of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 (1), by which Isola Group SARL ('Isola', USA), jointly controlled by TPG Partners IV and T3 II, acquires, within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation, sole control over the Polyclad business of Cookson Group plc (UK), Cookson Overseas Limited (UK), Cookson Electronics Limited (Hong Kong), Cookson Investments, Inc. and Cookson Singapore pte Ltd.by way of purchase of shares and assets.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
   — for TPG Partners IV: investment fund;
   — for T3 II: investment fund;
   — for Isola: development, production and sale of copper-clad glass fibre laminates;
   — for Polyclad: development, production and sale of copper-clad glass fibre laminates.

3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified concentration could fall within the scope of Regulation (EC) No 139/2004. 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 to the Commission.

Observations must reach the Commission not later than 10 days following the date of this publication. Observations can be sent to the Commission by fax (No (32-2) 296 43 01 or 296 72 44) or by post, under reference number COMP/M.4106 — Isola/Poly clad to the following address:

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