Prior notification of a concentration
(Case COMP/M.4223 — Macquarie/Westscheme/Statewide/MTAA/ARF/Moto UK)
Candidate case for simplified procedure
(2006/C 105/04)
(Text with EEA relevance)

1. On 25 April 2006, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 (1) by which the undertakings Macquarie Bank Limited (‘Macquarie’, UK), Westscheme Proprietary Limited (‘Westscheme’, Australia), Statewide Superannuation Proprietary Limited (‘Statewide’, Australia), Motor Trades Association of Australia Superannuation Fund Proprietary Limited (‘MTAA’, Australia) and Australian Retirement Fund Proprietary Limited (‘ARF’, Australia) acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation joint control of Moto Hospitality Limited and Pavilion Services Group Limited (together ‘Moto UK’, UK) both belonging to the Compass Group PLC by way of purchase of shares in a newly created company constituting a joint venture.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
   — for undertaking Macquarie: banking services;
   — for undertaking Westscheme: superannuation fund;
   — for undertaking Statewide: superannuation fund;
   — for undertaking MTAA: superannuation fund;
   — for undertaking ARF: retirement fund;
   — for undertaking Moto UK: operation of motorway and trunk road service areas.

3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified transaction could fall within the scope of Regulation (EC) No 139/2004. However, the final decision on this point is reserved. Pursuant to the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 (2) 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 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.4223 — Macquarie/Westscheme/Statewide/MTAA/ARF/Moto UK, to the following address:
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(2) OJ C 56, 5.3.2005, p. 32.