

Prior notification of a concentration
(Case COMP/M.5385 — Avnet/Abacus)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2008/C 317/11)

1. On 4 December 2008, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾ by which the undertaking Avnet Inc. ('Avnet', United States) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation control of the whole of the undertaking Abacus Group plc ('Abacus', United Kingdom) by way of a public bid announced on 10 October 2008.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for Avnet: distribution of electronic components (including semiconductors, interconnect, passive, electromechanical devices and embedded products), computer products and technology services,
- for Abacus: distribution of electronic components (including semiconductors, interconnect, passive, electromechanical devices and embedded products) as well as manufacturing/assembly of components.

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.

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 ((32-2) 296 43 01 or 296 72 44) or by post, under reference number COMP/M.5385 — Avnet/Abacus, to the following address:

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⁽¹⁾ OJL 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1.