Prior notification of a concentration

(Case No IV/M.908 — PTA/SMH/Mobilkom)

(97/C 146/07)

(Text with EEA relevance)

1. On 5 May 1997, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89 (¹) by which the undertakings Post und Telekom Austria Aktiengesellschaft ('PTA') controlled by der Post und Telekom Beteiligungsgesellschaft mbH ('PTBG'), which is owned by the Republic of Austria, and STET Mobile Holding nv ('SMH'), belonging to the STET group, acquire within the meaning of Article 3 (1) (b) of that Regulation joint control of Mobilkom Austria Aktiengesellschaft ('Mobilkom') by way of a share purchase agreement. PTA is presently the sole owner of Mobilkom.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- PTA: national Austrian post and telephone company,
- SMH: financial holding company for international participations by the STET Group in mobile telecommunication,
- Mobilkom: mobile telephone company of PTA.

3. Upon 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 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 (fax No (32 2) 296 43 01/296 72 44) or by post under reference number IV/M.908 — PTA/SMH/Mobilkom, to the following address:

European Commission, Directorate-General for Competition (DG IV), Directorate B — Merger Task Force, Avenue de Cortenberg/Kortenberglaan 150, B-1040 Brussels.

(1) OJ No L 395, 30. 12. 1989. Corrigendum: OJ No L 257, 21. 9. 1990, p. 13.