

Prior notification of a concentration
(Case No IV/M.1018 — GE Capital/Woodchester)

(97/C 314/05)

(Text with EEA relevance)

1. On 9 October 1997, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89 ⁽¹⁾ by which the General Electric Capital Corporation, a wholly owned subsidiary of General Electric Capital Services, Inc., in turn a wholly owned subsidiary of the United States corporation General Electric Company, acquires within the meaning of Article 3 (1) (b) of that Regulation control of Woodchester Investments plc by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— GE Capital Corporation: financing and insurance activities,

— Woodchester: financial services.

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.

Observations must reach the Commission not later than 10 days following the date of this publication. Observations can be sent by fax (No (322) 296 43 01/296 72 44) or by post, under reference number IV/M.1018 — GE Capital/Woodchester, to the following address:

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

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 395, 30. 12. 1989. Corrigendum: OJ L 257, 21. 9. 1990, p. 13.