

Prior notification of a concentration
(Case No IV/M.1246 — LHZ/Carl Zeiss)

(98/C 303/04)

(Text with EEA relevance)

1. On 24 September 1998, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89 ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1310/97 ⁽²⁾, by which GDE Helava Inc., (GHI), ultimately owned by the General Electric Corporation, Leica Geosystems Inc., (LGI), ultimately controlled by a private investor, and Carl-Zeiss-Stiftung (CZS) acquire, within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Regulation, joint control of LHZ Systems (LHZ) by way of acquisition of shares in a newly-created company constituting a joint venture.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- GHI: a US holding company,
- LGI: a US company distributing geodetic and surveying equipment,
- CZS: a German foundation active in fine optics and electronics,
- LHZ: a US company active in image-based earth information systems.

3. On 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 (32-2) 296 43 01 or 296 72 44) or by post, under reference IV/M.1246 — LHZ/Carl Zeiss, to:

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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, p. 1; corrigendum: OJ L 257, 21.9.1990, p. 13.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 180, 9.7.1997, p. 1; corrigendum: OJ L 40, 13.2.1998, p. 17.

Prior notification of a concentration
(Case No IV/M.1319 — Smurfit Condat/CVC)

(98/C 303/05)

(Text with EEA relevance)

1. On 24 September 1998, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89 ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1310/97 ⁽²⁾, by which the undertaking Papier 97, SA, belonging to the

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 395, 30.12.1989, p. 1; corrigendum: OJ L 257, 21.9.1990, p. 13.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 180, 9.7.1997, p. 1; corrigendum: OJ L 40, 13.2.1998, p. 17.