

**Prior notification of a concentration****(Case No IV/M.1471 — Ahlström/Kværner)**

(1999/C 95/05)

**(Text with EEA relevance)**

1. On 26 March 1999, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89 <sup>(1)</sup>, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1310/97 <sup>(2)</sup>, by which the undertakings Kværner ASA (Kværner) and A. Ahlström Corporation (Ahlström) acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Regulation joint control of a newly created company constituting a joint venture.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- undertaking Kværner: the manufacture of machines and systems to the chemical and recycled pulp industry, ship building, engineering, oil and gas installations, construction, metals and power generation,
- undertaking Ahlström: the supply of equipment and processes to the paper and pulp industry, the manufacture of technical speciality papers, packaging and pumps,
- the joint venture: the provision of engineering and equipment design services together with maintenance and services to chemical pulp and paper mills.

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.1471 — Ahlström/Kværner, to:

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

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