

Prior notification of a concentration
(Case COMP/M.2062 — Rio Tinto/North)

(2000/C 196/04)

(Text with EEA relevance)

1. On 30 June 2000 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 Rio Tinto Investments Two Pty Limited, controlled by the Rio Tinto group (Rio Tinto plc. London, United Kingdom and Rio Tinto Limited, Melbourne, Australia) acquires, within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Regulation, control of the whole of the undertaking North Limited (Melbourne, Australia) by way of public bid announced on 23 June 2000.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- Rio Tinto group: production and sales of metals and minerals, including iron ore, uranium, zinc, copper and gold,
- North Limited: production and sales of metals and minerals, including iron ore, uranium, zinc, copper and gold.

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 COMP/M.2062 — Rio Tinto/North, to:

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Directorate-General for Competition,
Directorate B — Merger Task Force,
Rue Joseph II/Jozef II-straat 70,
B-1000 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.