

Prior notification of a concentration
(Case COMP/M.2153 — BHP/Mitsubishi/QCT)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(2000/C 258/10)

(Text with EEA relevance)

1. On 1 September 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 undertakings Broken Hill Proprietary Company Ltd (BHP), Australia and Mitsubishi Corporation (Mitsubishi), Japan, acquire, within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Regulation, joint control of QCT Resources Ltd (QCT) by way of a public bid announced on 28 August 2000.
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
 - BHP: diversified natural resources company,
 - Mitsubishi: general trading company including operations in IT, fuels, metals, machinery, food product and textiles and mining,
 - QCT: coal-mining in Australia.
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. Pursuant to the Commission notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89 ⁽³⁾ it should be noted that this case is a candidate for treatment under the procedure set out in the notice.
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.2153 — BHP/Mitsubishi/QCT to:

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Directorate-General for Competition,
Directorate B — Merger Task Force,
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⁽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.

⁽³⁾ OJ C 217, 29.7.2000, p. 32.