

Prior notification of a concentration**(Case COMP/M.2105 — SJPC/SCP De Milo/De Milo)****Candidate case for simplified procedure**

(2000/C 320/04)

(Text with EEA relevance)

1. On 27 October 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 St James's Place Capital plc (SJPC), UK, and SCP De Milo SARL (SCP De Milo), Luxembourg, controlled by Swiss Re Partnership Holding AG, a wholly owned direct subsidiary of Swiss Reinsurance Company, acquire, within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Regulation, joint control of the undertaking De Milo SA (De Milo), Luxembourg, by way of purchase of shares in a newly created company constituting a joint venture.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- SJPC: life assurance and financial services,
- SCP De Milo: reinsurance,
- De Milo: life assurance and financial services.

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.2105 — SJPC/SCP De Milo/De Milo, 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.