

Prior notification of a concentration
(Case COMP/M.2460 — IBM/Informix)

(2001/C 149/13)

(Text with EEA relevance)

1. On 14 May 2001 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 International Business Machines Corporation (IBM, USA) acquires, within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Regulation, control of the whole of Informix Software Inc. (Informix, USA), an undertaking belonging to the Informix Corporation Group, by purchase of assets.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- IBM: development, production and marketing of information technology (IT) systems, equipment, computer software including database management systems, and related services,
- Informix: development, manufacture and supply of distributed database management systems (in particular, database management systems running on the Unix and Windows NT operating 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 COMP/M.2460 — IBM/Informix, 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.