

**Prior notification of a concentration**  
**(Case COMP/M.2730 — Connex/DNVBVG)**

**Candidate case for simplified procedure**

(2002/C 70/15)

(Text with EEA relevance)

1. On 7 March 2002 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 undertaking Connex, Germany, belonging to the French Vivendi group, acquires, within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Regulation, joint control of the undertaking Deutsche Nahverkehrs-Gesellschaft mbH (DNVG), Hanover, by way of purchase of shares from Deutsche Nahverkehrs-Beteiligungs- und Verwaltungsgesellschaft (DNVBVG), Hannover, which is indirectly controlled by the city of Bonn, the city of Leipzig and the city of Hannover (all of them in Germany).
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
  - Connex: local public transport by road and rail,
  - DNVBVG: holding company,
  - DNVG: local public transport by road and rail.
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 <sup>(3)</sup>, 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.2730 — Connex/DNVBVG, to:

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Directorate-General for Competition,  
Directorate B — Merger Task Force,  
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B-1049 Brussels.

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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.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ C 217, 29.7.2000, p. 32.