

**Prior notification of a concentration****(Case COMP/M.2781 — Northrop Grumman/TRW)**

(2002/C 224/04)

**(Text with EEA relevance)**

1. On 13 September 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 Northrop Grumman Corporation (Northrop Grumman, USA) acquires, within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Regulation, control of the whole of TRW Inc. (TRW, USA) by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— Northrop Grumman: products and services mainly in defence and commercial electronics,

— TRW: advanced technology products and services, especially in the automotive, space, defence and information systems sectors.

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.2781 — Northrop Grumman/TRW, to:

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Directorate B — Merger Task Force,  
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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.