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**Member State:** Italy (Sardinia)

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**Aid No:** N 594/02

**Title:** Interventi per i danni provocati dalla siccità 2001/2002 e dalle gelate dell'inverno 2001/2002

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**Member State:** Luxembourg

**Objective:** To compensate farmers and Consorzi di bonifica for the losses suffered due to adverse weather conditions in 2001/02

**Aid No:** N 647/01

**Title:** Aid towards farmers' income — bad weather in 2000

**Legal basis:** Progetto di legge della Regione Sardegna

**Objective:** To compensate farmers for losses suffered as a result of heavy rains in July 2000

**Budget:** EUR 250 000

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**Aid intensity or amount:** 80 % of losses

**Aid intensity or amount:** Up to 100 %

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**Duration:** Up to three years after the adverse weather event

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### Prior notification of a concentration

(Case COMP/M.2868 — Linde/Sonatrach/JV)

(2002/C 298/05)

(Text with EEA relevance)

1. On 20 November 2002 the Commission received a 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 German undertaking Linde International AG (Linde) and the Algerian State-owned undertaking Société nationale pour la recherche, la production, le transport, la transformation et la commercialisation des hydrocarbures SpA (Sonatrach), acquire, within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Regulation, joint control of the newly created joint ventures Société de production and Société de commercialisation by way of transfer of assets.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- Linde: manufacturing and supply of industrial and medical gases as well as engineering, material handling and refrigeration,
- Sonatrach: prospecting, production, transport and commercialisation of hydrocarbons,
- Société de production: production of helium,
- Société de commercialisation: wholesale of helium.

<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.

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.2868 — Linde/Sonatrach/JV, to:

European Commission,  
Directorate-General for Competition,  
Directorate B — Merger Task Force,  
J-70,  
B-1049 Brussels.

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### **Prior notification of a concentration**

**(Case COMP/M.3018 — Candover/Cinven/KAP)**

**Candidate case for simplified procedure**

(2002/C 298/06)

**(Text with EEA relevance)**

1. On 21 November 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 undertakings Candover Partners Ltd (Candover), belonging to the Candover Group and Cinven Ltd (Cinven), belonging to the Cinven Group Ltd, acquire, within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Regulation, joint control of the undertaking Kluwer Academic Publishers BV (KAP) by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- Candover: investment and management advice to and management investments on behalf of investment funds,
- Cinven: investment and management advice to and management investments on behalf of investment funds,
- KAP: academic publishing.

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.3018 — Candover/Cinven/KAP, to:

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

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