

Prior notification of a concentration**(Case COMP/M.3276 — Anglo American/Kumba Resources)**

(2003/C 268/07)

(Text with EEA relevance)

1. On 31 October 2003 the Commission received a 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 Anglo American plc. ('Anglo American', United Kingdom) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Regulation control of the whole of the undertaking Kumba Resources Limited ('Kumba', South Africa) by way of public bid announced on 31 October 2003.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— Anglo American: global diversified mining and natural resources,

— Kumba: mining of iron ore, coal, zinc and mineral sands in South Africa.

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.3276 — Anglo American/Kumba Resources, to:

European Commission,
Directorate-General for Competition,
Merger Registry,
J-70,
B-1049 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.