

Prior notification of a concentration
(Case No. COMP/M.3414 Apax/CapMan/Solid)
Candidate case for simplified procedure

(2004/C 155/05)

(Text with EEA relevance)

1. On 02/06/2004, 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 undertakings Apax Europe IV ('Apax', United Kingdom) ultimately controlled by Hirzell Trust and CapMan Funds ('CapMan', Finland) controlled by CapMan Plc acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation joint control of the undertaking Solid Oy ('Solid', Finland) by way of new share issue.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for Apax: pan-European investment fund,
- for CapMan: private equity fund management and advisory services,
- for Solid: database and distributed data synchronisation solutions for OEM (Original Equipment Manufacturers).

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 Council Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89 ⁽³⁾ 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 to the Commission.

Observations must reach the Commission not later than 10 days following the date of this publication. Observations can be sent to the Commission by fax (fax no. +32/2/2964301 or 2967244) or by post, under reference number COMP/M.3414 Apax/CapMan/Solid, to the following address:

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⁽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.

⁽³⁾ OJ C 217, 29.7.2000, p. 32.