

Prior notification of a concentration
(Case COMP/M.3699 — EQT III Limited/Smurfit Munksjö)

(2005/C 20/07)

(Text with EEA relevance)

1. On 14 January 2005, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾ by which the undertaking EQT III Limited ('EQT III Limited', Guernsey) controlled by the group Investor AB ('Investor', Sweden) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation control of the whole of the undertaking Smurfit Munksjö AB ('Munksjö', Sweden) by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for EQT III Limited: Manager of private equity fund,
- for Investor: Investment company,
- for Munksjö: manufacture and sale of decor paper, specialty paper and pulp.

3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified transaction could fall within the scope of Regulation (EC) No 139/2004. 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 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 (No (32-2) 296 43 01 or 296 72 44) or by post, under reference number COMP/M.3699 — EQT III Limited/Smurfit Munksjö, to the following address:

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⁽¹⁾ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1.