

**Prior notification of a concentration**  
**(Case COMP/M.3593 — Apollo/Bakelite)**

(2005/C 48/03)

(Text with EEA relevance)

1. On 16 February 2005, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004<sup>(1)</sup> by which the Borden group ('Borden', US) belonging to the Apollo group ('Apollo', US) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation control of the whole of the undertaking Bakelite AG ('Bakelite', Germany) by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for Borden: producer of formaldehyde resins,
- for Apollo: investment group, active in particular in the field of formaldehyde and epoxy resins through Borden and Resolution Performance Products LLC ('RPP'),
- for Bakelite: producer of formaldehyde resins, moulding compounds and epoxy resins.

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.3593 — Apollo/Bakelite, to the following address:

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1.