

Prior notification of a concentration
(Case COMP/M.3785 — TPG/APAX/TIM Hellas)
Candidate case for simplified procedure

(2005/C 101/05)

(Text with EEA relevance)

1. On 15 April 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 US undertaking TPG Advisors IV, Inc. (TPG) and the British undertaking APAX Europe VI (APAX), controlled by the Guernsey-based company Hirzell, acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation joint control of the Greek undertaking TIM Hellas Telecommunications S.A. (TIM Hellas) by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for TPG: private equity fund,
- for APAX: pan-European investment fund,
- for TIM Hellas: supplier of mobile telecommunications products and services to end-users in Greece.

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. Pursuant to the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽²⁾ 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 (No (32-2) 296 43 01 or 296 72 44) or by post, under reference number COMP/M.3785 — TPG/APAX/TIM Hellas, to the following address:

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⁽¹⁾ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 56, 5.3.2005, p. 32.