

Prior notification of a concentration
(Case COMP/M.3783 — TPG/British Vita)

(2005/C 113/03)

(Text with EEA relevance)

1. On 2 May 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 TPG Advisors IV Inc ('TPG IV', United States), belonging to the TPG group ('TPG', United States) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation control of the whole of the undertaking British Vita PLC ('British Vita', United Kingdom) by way of public bid announced on 22 March 2005.
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
 - for TPG IV: Private equity fund, active in the manufacture and supply of synthetic elastomers through Kraton Polymers LLC ('Kraton', United States),
 - for British Vita: Manufacturer and supplier of polymer-based foams, non wovens, and industrial and commercial polymer-based compounds.
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.3783 — TPG/British Vita, to the following address:

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⁽¹⁾ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1.