

Prior notification of a concentration
(Case COMP/M.3984 — Bain Fund Group/FCI)
Candidate case for simplified procedure

(2005/C 237/04)

(Text with EEA relevance)

1. On 23 August 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 undertakings Bain Capital Fund VIII-E, Bain Capital Fund VIII and Bain Capital VIII coinvestment Fund (together Bain Fund Group, Cayman Islands) acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation control of the whole of the undertaking Framatome Connectors International ('FCI', France), belonging to the Areva Group, by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for Bain Fund Group: Fund manager of private equity and venture capital,
- for FCI: production and distribution of connectors applied in a number of applications, including automotive, telecommunication, computers, household appliances and industrial electronics.

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.3984 — Bain Fund Group/FCI, 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.