

Prior notification of a concentration
(Case COMP/M.4157 — Wendel Investissement/Groupe Materis)

(2006/C 47/09)

(Text with EEA relevance)

1. On 17 February 2006, 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 Wendel Investissement SA (Wendel, France) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation control of the whole of Materis Holding Luxembourg SA including its subsidiaries (Materis, Luxembourg) by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— Wendel: Holding company in particular active in the control and certification of products and processes through its subsidiary Bureau Veritas;

— Materis: products for the construction industry.

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.4157 — Wendel Investissement/Groupe Materis, to the following address:

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⁽¹⁾ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1.