

Prior notification of a concentration
(Case COMP/M.4316 — Atos Origin/Banksys/BCC)

(2006/C 213/04)

(Text with EEA relevance)

1. On 25 August 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 Atos Worldline S.A.S. ('AW', France) controlled by Atos Origin S.A. ('AO', France) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation control of the whole of the undertakings Banksys N.V./S.A. ('Banksys', Belgium) and Bank Card Company ('BCC', Belgium) by way of purchase of shares.
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
 - for AO: various information technology services;
 - for AW: transaction processing services for payment cards, customer relationship management ('CRM') services and multi-channel contact services (Internet and voice services);
 - for Banksys: commercial acquiring services for national debit cards, transaction processing services for payment cards and payment terminal business services;
 - for BCC: commercial acquiring services for international debit and credit cards.
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 (fax No (32-2) 296 43 01 or 296 72 44) or by post, under reference number COMP/M.4316 — Atos Origin/Banksys/BCC, to the following address:

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⁽¹⁾ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1.