

Prior notification of a concentration
(Case COMP/M.4397 — CVC/Ferd/SIG)

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(Text with EEA relevance)

1. On 10 November 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 undertakings CVC Capital Partners Groupe Sàrl (‘CVC’, Luxembourg) and Ferd AS (‘Ferd’, Norway) acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation joint control of SIG Holding Ltd (‘SIG’, Switzerland) by way of public bid announced on 6 November 2006 and of the carton packaging business and part of the plastic packaging business of Elopak AS (‘Elopak Target’, Norway) by way of purchase of shares. Prior to the proposed concentration the whole of Elopak AS is solely controlled by Ferd. Post-transaction Ferd will keep sole control over the part of the plastic packaging business of Elopak AS that will not be transferred to Elopak Target.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for CVC: management of investment funds;
- for Ferd: company holding equity interests in various undertakings, including Elopak AS;
- for SIG: supplier of carton and plastic packaging solutions;
- for Elopak Target: supplier of carton and plastic packaging solutions.

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.4397 — CVC/ Ferd/SIG, to the following address:

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⁽¹⁾ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1.