

PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMPETITION
POLICY

COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case COMP/M.4876 — GDFI/Energie Investimenti)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2007/C 192/13)

1. On 10 August 2007, 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 GDF International S.A.S. ('GDFI', France) belonging to the group Gaz de France S.A. acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation sole control of the undertaking Energie Investimenti S.p.A. ('Energie Investimenti', Italy) by way of purchase of shares. Currently, GDFI exercises joint control over Energie Investimenti.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for GDFI: exploration, supply and distribution of gas; energy-related services,
- for Energie Investimenti: supply of natural gas in Italy.

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 ((32-2) 296 43 01 or 296 72 44) or by post, under reference number COMP/M.4876 — GDFI/Energie Investimenti, 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.