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Prior notification of a concentration**(Case COMP/M.5605 — Credit Mutuel/Monabanq)****(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2009/C 189/09)

1. On 4 August 2009, 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 Banque Federative du Credit Mutuel S.A. ('Credit Mutuel', France) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation sole control of the undertaking Monabanq. ('Monabanq', France) by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for undertaking Credit Mutuel: products and services associated to the banking and insurance sectors mainly in France,

— for undertaking Monabanq: active in retail banking and insurance, mainly in France.

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 (+32 22964301 or 22967244) or by post, under reference number COMP/M.5605 — Credit Mutuel/Monabanq, to the following address:

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⁽¹⁾ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1.