

Prior notification of a concentration
(Case COMP/M.6277 — Access Industries/Warner Music Group)
Candidate case for simplified procedure
(Text with EEA relevance)
(2011/C 177/07)

1. On 8 June 2011, 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 Access Industries, Inc. ('Access', USA) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of the whole of the undertaking Warner Music Group Corp. ('WMG', USA) by way of purchase of securities.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for Access: holding companies that hold interests principally in the natural resources and chemicals, telecommunications and media, and real estate sectors,
- for WMG: recorded music, music publishing, including the marketing and sale of recorded music and the licensing of music publishing rights.

3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified transaction could fall within the scope of the EC Merger Regulation. However, the final decision on this point is reserved. Pursuant to the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under the EC Merger Regulation ⁽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 22964301), by email to COMP-MERGER-REGISTRY@ec.europa.eu or by post, under reference number COMP/M.6277 — Access Industries/Warner Music Group, to the following address:

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⁽¹⁾ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the 'EC Merger Regulation').

⁽²⁾ OJ C 56, 5.3.2005, p. 32 ('Notice on a simplified procedure').