

**Prior notification of a concentration****(Case COMP/M.6651 — Goldman Sachs/William C. Young/Plastipak Holdings)****Candidate case for simplified procedure****(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2012/C 204/07)

1. On 5 July 2012, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 <sup>(1)</sup> by which funds advised and managed by The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. ('Goldman Sachs', USA), and Mr William C. Young acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation joint control of the undertaking Plastipak Holdings, Inc. ('Plastipak', USA) by way of purchase of shares.
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
  - for Goldman Sachs: global investment banking, securities and investment management firm,
  - for Mr William C. Young: a natural person controlling a number of undertakings,
  - for Plastipak: manufacturer of plastic resins, plastic packaging containers and preforms, also engaged in recycling operations for the production of post-consumer recycled plastic raw materials.
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 <sup>(2)</sup> 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.6651 — Goldman Sachs/William C. Young/Plastipak Holdings, to the following address:

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the 'EC Merger Regulation').

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