

Prior notification of a concentration**(Case COMP/M.2821 — Hitachi/IBM Harddisk Business)**

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(Text with EEA relevance)

1. On 2 July 2002 the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89 ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1310/97 ⁽²⁾, by which the undertaking Hitachi Ltd, Japan, acquires, within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Regulation, control of the Harddisk Drive Business of IBM Corp. by way of purchase of assets.
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
 - Hitachi Ltd: Semiconductors, displays, power plants, elevators and escalators, air-conditioning, refrigerators, washing machines, consumer electronics, software, harddisk drives and logistics,
 - IBM Harddisk Drive Business: Harddisk drives (HDD).
3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified concentration could fall within the scope of Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89. 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.

Observations must reach the Commission not later than 10 days following the date of this publication. Observations can be sent by fax (No (32-2) 296 43 01 or 296 72 44) or by post, under reference COMP/M.2821 — Hitachi/IBM Harddisk Business, to:

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Directorate-General for Competition,
Directorate B — Merger Task Force,
J-70,
B-1049 Brussels.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 395, 30.12.1989, p. 1; corrigendum: OJ L 257, 21.9.1990, p. 13.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 180, 9.7.1997, p. 1; corrigendum: OJ L 40, 13.2.1998, p. 17.