

Prior notification of a concentration**(Case COMP/M.3411 — UGC/Noos)**

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(Text with EEA relevance)

1. On 14 April 2004 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 MédiaRéseaux SA, 'MR', the Netherlands (controlled by the group United GlobalCom, 'UGC'. USA and Suez SA, 'Suez', France) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(a) of the Regulation control of the whole of the undertaking Noos, France by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- MR: television, internet access and telephony services to residential customers,
- UGC: broadband communications provider of video, voice and internet services,
- Noos: provider of cable television and internet access services to residential and business subscribers in France.

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.3411 — UGC/Noos, to:

European Commission,
Directorate-General for Competition,
Merger Registry,
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.