

Prior notification of a concentration
(Case COMP/M.3678 — Goldman Sachs/Cerberus/TET/JV)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(2005/C 56/07)

(Text with EEA relevance)

1. On 24 February 2005, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾ by which the undertakings Goldman Sachs Mortgage Company ('GSMC', USA) controlled by Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. ('Goldman Sachs', USA) and The Cerberus Group ('Cerberus', USA) acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation joint control of part of the undertaking Transamerica European Trailers ('TET', UK) by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for Goldman Sachs: investment banking and securities,
- for Cerberus: Investment in personal property,
- for TET: leasing of commercial road trailers.

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. Pursuant to the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽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 (No (32-2) 296 43 01 or 296 72 44) or by post, under reference number COMP/M.3678 — Goldman Sachs/ Cerberus/TET/JV, to the following address:

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⁽¹⁾ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ Available on DG COMP website:

http://europa.eu.int/comm/competition/mergers/legislation/consultation/simplified_tru.pdf.