

**Prior notification of a concentration**  
**(Case No. COMP/M.3452 APAX/PCM UITGEVERS NV)**  
**Candidate case for simplified procedure**

(2004/C 147/04)

(Text with EEA relevance)

1. On 26/05/2004, 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 the undertaking Apax Europe V ('Apax', Channel Islands) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation control of the whole of the undertaking PCM Uitgevers NV ('PCM', The Netherlands) by way of purchase of shares.
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
  - for undertaking Apax: investment fund
  - for undertaking PCM: publisher of newspapers and books in Dutch language.
3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified concentration 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 (EEC) No 4064/89 <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 (fax no. +32/2/2964301 or 2967244) or by post, under reference number COMP/M3452 APAX/PCM UITGEVERS NV, to the following address:

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 24, 29.1.2004 p. 1

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ C 217, 29.7.2000, p. 32; Council Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89 has been replaced by Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004.