

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. Pursuant to the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89 <sup>(1)</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.

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.2981 — Knauf/Alcopor, to:

European Commission,  
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Directorate B — Merger Task Force,  
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B-1049 Brussels.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ C 217, 29.7.2000, p. 32.

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### **Prior notification of a concentration**

**(Case COMP/M.3013 — Carlyle Group/Edscha)**

(2002/C 283/07)

**(Text with EEA relevance)**

1. On 13 November 2002 the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89 <sup>(1)</sup>, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1310/97 <sup>(2)</sup>, by which the Cayman Islands-based undertaking CEP General Partner LP, belonging to the US-based The Carlyle Group (Carlyle), acquires, within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Regulation, control of the whole of the German undertaking Edscha AG (Edscha) by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- Carlyle: private equity investment group controlling a wide range of companies among which the automotive components and aluminium extrusions producer Honsel International Technologies,
- Edscha: manufacture of automotive components, in particular, hinge systems and convertible roof systems.

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.

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

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

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