Trade, Industry & Energy

Communications

Website News 23.08.2000

The Radiocommunications Agency has updated its web site. See the RA's What's New page. See:

http://www.radio.gov.uk/whats-n/new.htm

Competition

*Press Release 30.08.2000

Competition Commission - Sylvan/Locker Group Inquiry: Possible Remedies Statement

http://213.38.88.195/coi/coipress.nsf

*European Press Release 30.08.2000

Commission gives Siemens conditional go-ahead to take control of Mannesmann subsidiaries Dematic, VDO and Sachs. Bosch's acquisition of Rexroth is still under examination

http://www.europa.eu.int/rapid/start/ *European Press Release 30.08.2000

Commission authorises joint venture between Sextant and Diehl http://www.europa.eu.int/rapid/start/

*European Press Release 30.08.2000

Commission authorises acquisition by Riva (Italy) of Société des Aciers d'Armature pour le Béton (France) http://www.europa.eu.int/rapid/start/

*European Press Release 30.08.2000

Commission clears acquisition by Menzies (UK) of joint control of Lufthansa Ground Services (UK) http://www.europa.eu.int/rapid/start/

*European Press Release 30.08.2000

Commission approves full take-over of Frosch Touristik (FTI) by Airtours plc.

http://www.europa.eu.int/rapid/start/

*European Press Release 30.08.2000

WTO Appellate Body confirms condemnation of the US Anti-Dumping Act of $1916\,$

http://www.europa.eu.int/rapid/start/

Website News 24.08.2000

The Office of Fair Trading is seeking comments on the creation of a new venture between Lloyds TSB Bank Plc / Barclays Investment Growth (Isle of Man) Limited / Unisys Limited. This venture is called Intelligent Processing Solutions Limited (iPSL). See:

http://www.oft.gov.uk/html/rsearch/mergers-itc.htm

Finance & Banking

*Press Release 30.08.2000

Financial Services Authority – IMRO Fines The Royal Bank Of Scotland Plc

http://213.38.88.195/coi/coipress.nsf

Property

*Press Release 30.08.2000

HM Land Registry - Property Price Report Shows 14.49% Increase In Prices

http://213.38.88.195/coi/coipress.nsf

Taxation

Website News 25.08.2000

The Inland Revenue has added the following items:

Financial Intermediaries and Claims Office (FICO): Offshore Funds. A list of Certified Funds identifying offshore funds that have applied for and been granted UK distributor status, and

Pensions Schemes Office: Frequently Asked Questions New Frequently Asked Questions relating to Pensions are now available. See:

http://www.inlandrevenue.gov.uk/

Website News 24.08.2000

The Inland Revenue have added the following items -

Working Families' Tax Credit (WFTC) - Guide for Farming Families. WFTC is available to farming families just as it is to other employed or self-employed people. A new guide for farming families is now available. Approved UK Custodian and UK Intermediaries List. This updated list

will be of interest to those (mostly securities dealers) who pay or receive manufactured overseas dividends, and

Employee Share Schemes

Further details about the agreements and elections for the treatment of employer or secondary NICs on share option gains.

http://www.inlandrevenue.gov.uk/

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National Insurance Contributions Frequently Asked Questions - Self Employed. There is a new page of answers to the most frequently asked questions with regards to National Insurance Contributions for the self employed. See:

http://www.inlandrevenue.gov.uk/faqs/nicqse.htm

Website News 23.08.2000

The Inland Revenue have added the following items to their web site: Approved UK Custodian and UK Intermediaries List – This updated list will be of interest to those (mostly securities dealers) who pay or receive manufactured overseas dividends.

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See:

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Telecommunications

*Press Release 30.08.2000

HM Treasury – £38m Mobile Strategic Partnership With Vodafone http://213.38.88.195/coi/coipress.nsf

Trade

*Press Release 30.08.2000

Office of Fair Trading – DGFT Response To The PAC Report On The OFT

http://213.38.88.195/coi/coipress.nsf

Utilities

*Press Release 30.08.2000

DETR – Improved Rights Put Water Customers First - Mullin http://213.38.88.195/coi/coipress.nsf

Social Policy

Education

*Press Release 30.08.2000

DfEE – Blunkett Announces £10m Expansion Of Adventure Activities http://213.38.88.195/coi/coipress.nsf

Health & Safety

*Press Release 30.08.2000

Health & Safety Executive – HSE Issues Certificate Of Exemption http://213.38.88.195/coi/coipress.nsf

Website News 29.08.2000

The Health and Safety Executive has published two new Local Liaison Committee reports from the Nuclear Safety Directorate for the Quarterly period 1 October - 31 December 1999: Marconi Marine VSEL, Barrow-in-Furness, and BNFL Capenhurst. See:

http://www.hse.gov.uk/nsd/llc/1999/