Dear Petitioner,

The possible acquisition of Monsanto by Bayer which has been reported in the press, has not been notified formally to the Commission yet. If and when the Commission receives a formal notification for this transaction, my services will investigate it on the basis of the rules set in the EU Merger Regulation as applicable to the specific facts of the case. You can be assured that the Commission would investigate seriously whether the Bayer/Monsanto transaction could result in a significant impediment to effective competition.

Let me thank you again for your interest in this important matter.

Yours sincerely,

Johannes LAITENBERGER
Director General