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HEARING OF 24 - 28 APRIL 2006 IN CASE T-201/04

Microsoft Corporation v. Commission of the European Communities

In a decision of 24th March 2004, the Commission found that Microsoft had infringed Community competition law by abusing its quasi-monopoly on the PC operating-systems market. The Commission concluded that this abuse would result in a restriction of competition on the markets for operating systems for servers and for media players. Microsoft were ordered to take corrective measures and fined EUR 497 million.

On 7th June 2004, Microsoft lodged an action before the Court of First Instance requesting annulment of this decision or a substantial reduction in fine imposed.

The hearing in the case above will be held on 24 -28 April 2006, at 10:00, in the Grande Salle of the Court.

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Re T-201/04 Microsoft Corporation v. Commission of the European Communities

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