

**Prior notification of a concentration**  
**(Case COMP/M.6688 — KKR/Württembergische Metallwaren Fabrik)**  
**Candidate case for simplified procedure**  
**(Text with EEA relevance)**  
(2012/C 234/10)

1. On 30 July 2012, 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 Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. L.P. ('KKR', USA) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of the whole of the undertaking Württembergische Metallwaren Fabrik ('WMF', Germany) by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for KKR: global investment fund that offers a broad range of alternative asset management services to public and private market investors and provides capital markets solutions for the firm, its portfolio companies and clients,
- for WMF: is a manufacturer of table and kitchenware and small electric appliances for private households as well as professional hotel equipment and fully-automated coffee machines for professional use.

3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified transaction could fall within the scope of the EC Merger Regulation. However, the final decision on this point is reserved. Pursuant to the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under the EC Merger Regulation <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 (+32 22964301), by email to COMP-MERGER-REGISTRY@ec.europa.eu or by post, under reference number COMP/M.6688 — KKR/Württembergische Metallwaren Fabrik, to the following address:

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the 'EC Merger Regulation').

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ C 56, 5.3.2005, p. 32 ('Notice on a simplified procedure').