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(Announcements)

PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case COMP/M.6675 — GE/Accenture/Taleris)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2012/C 308/08)

1. On 4 October 2012, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ([1]) by which General Electric Co. ('GE', United States) and Accenture plc ('Accenture', Ireland) acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)b of the Merger Regulation joint control over a newly created joint venture, Taleris Management LLC ('Taleris', United States), by way of a purchase of equity shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for GE: global, diversified manufacturing, technology and services company with primary business units: GE Energy Infrastructure, GE Healthcare, GE Aviation, GE Transportation, GE Capital and GE Home & Business Solutions. GE's activities in aviation include manufacturing of commercial and military jet engines and components, as well as electric power and mechanical system for aircraft,

— for Accenture: global management consulting, technology services and outsourcing company, delivering its services and solutions through five operating groups: Communications, Media & Technology; Financial Services; Health & Public Services; Products; and Resources. Accenture provides airline outsourcing solutions through its Navitaire hosted services,

— for Taleris: a new supplier of Integrated Vehicle Health Management ('IVHM') services for optimization of fixed-wing aircraft maintenance and flight operations. Taleris will develop, improve, market, sell and maintain 'IVHM' services for large commercial aircraft and regional jet aircraft operations globally.

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 ([2]) 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.

([1]) OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the 'EC Merger Regulation').
([2]) OJ C 56, 5.3.2005, p. 32 ('Notice on a simplified procedure').

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.6675 — GE/Accenture/Taleris, to the following address:

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