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## EUROPEAN COMMISSION

**Prior notification of a concentration****(Case COMP/M.6773 — Canon/I.R.I.S.)****(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2013/C 18/08)

1. On 14 January 2013, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration following a referral pursuant to Article 22 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 <sup>(1)</sup> by which the undertaking Canon Inc. ('Canon', Japan) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of the whole of the undertaking I.R.I.S. Group SA ('I.R.I.S.', Belgium) by way of public bid announced on 18 September 2012.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for Canon: the development, manufacture and sale of consumer and professional imaging products and information systems. These comprise mainly (i) office automation equipment including printers, copiers, scanners and multi-functional combinations thereof as well as some related software sales and services; (ii) cameras, lenses and camcorders; (iii) medical equipment; and (iv) semiconductor manufacturing equipment and other mainly industrial products; and,
- for I.R.I.S.: the development and sale of software related to office automation equipment, as well as some related hardware sales and services.

3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified transaction could fall within the scope the EC Merger Regulation. However, the final decision on this point is reserved.

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 e-mail to COMP-MERGER-REGISTRY@ec.europa.eu or by post, under reference number COMP/M.6773 — Canon/I.R.I.S., to the following address:

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