

**Prior notification of a concentration****(Case M.7671 — KKR/FIBA/WMF)****(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2015/C 275/06)

1. On 13 August 2015, 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 undertakings KKR & Co LP ('KKR', United States) and FIBA Beteiligungs- und Anlage GmbH ('FIBA', Austria) acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) and 3(4) of the Merger Regulation joint control of the undertaking WMF Group GmbH ('WMF', Germany) by other means.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for KKR: global investments in companies in a variety of sectors, including in the vending services company Selecta;
- for FIBA: holding company with its main holding in the Austrian water technology company BWT AG;
- for WMF: production and distribution of table- and kitchenware and small electrical appliances for private households as well as of table- and kitchenware 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 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 email to COMP-MERGER-REGISTRY@ec.europa.eu or by post, under reference number M.7671 — KKR/FIBA/WMF, to the following address:

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