Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.7914 — KKR & Co./Webhelp SAS)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2016/C 53/04)

1. On 4 February 2016, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 (¹) by which the undertaking KKR & Co. LP (KKR', United States of America) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of the undertaking Webhelp SAS ('Webhelp', France) by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

 for KKR: a global investment firm offering a broad range of alternative asset management services to public and private market investors and providing capital markets solutions,

— for Webhelp: IT services provider active primarily in the provision of business process outsourcing services.

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. Pursuant to the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under the Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 (²) it should be noted that this case is a candidate for treatment under the procedure set out in this 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 M.7914 — KKR & Co./Webhelp SAS, to the following address:

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⁽¹⁾ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the 'Merger Regulation').

⁽²⁾ OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.