

**Prior notification of a concentration**  
**(Case M.7964 — Recruit Holdings/USG People)**  
**Candidate case for simplified procedure**  
**(Text with EEA relevance)**  
(2016/C 74/10)

1. On 19 February 2016, 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 Recruit Holdings Co., Ltd ('Recruit', Japan) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of the whole of the undertaking USG People N.V. ('USG', the Netherlands), by way of a public tender offer.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for Recruit: provision of marketing media, human resources media and employment services,
- for USG: provision of temporary employment services, permanent placement services and other HR related 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 Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 <sup>(2)</sup> 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 M.7964 — Recruit Holdings/USG People, to the following address:

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

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.