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EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration**(Case M.8066 — Randstad/Obiettivo Lavoro)****Candidate case for simplified procedure****(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2016/C 190/11)

1. On 23 May 2016 the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾ by which Randstad Holding NV ('Randstad', Netherlands) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of the whole of OL Group S.r.l. ('Obiettivo Lavoro', Italy) by way of purchase of shares.
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
 - for Randstad: the provision of temporary employment services, permanent placement services and other HR related services in several European countries as well as in the United States, Canada, South America and Asia,
 - for Obiettivo Lavoro: the provision of temporary employment services, permanent placement services and other HR related services mainly in Italy.
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 ⁽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 M.8066 — Randstad/Obiettivo Lavoro, 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.