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## EUROPEAN COMMISSION

**Prior notification of a concentration****(Case M.8018 — Sony Corporation of America/Sony-ATV Music Publishing)****(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2016/C 242/08)

1. On 24 June 2016, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 <sup>(1)</sup> by which Sony Corporation of America, ('Sony'), the US subsidiary of Sony Corporation (Tokyo, Japan) will acquire the Michael Jackson Estate's 50 per cent interest in — and thereby sole control over — Sony/ATV Music Publishing LLP ('Sony/ATV', USA), a music publishing company that is currently jointly owned and controlled by Sony and the Michael Jackson Estate.
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
  - Sony, directly and through its subsidiaries, is active globally in various businesses, including electronics products (i.e. audio, video, televisions, digital cameras, personal computers and tablets), entertainment services (e.g. motion pictures, TV programming, recorded music, music publishing), financial services and a variety of other businesses.
  - Sony/ATV is a music publishing company. In addition to administrating its own catalogue, Sony/ATV is the exclusive administrator of the catalogue of EMI Music Publishing ('EMI MP'), which was acquired in 2012 by DH Publishing, a company jointly controlled by Sony and a third party, Mubadala Development Company PJSC.
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.8018 — Sony Corporation of America/Sony-ATV Music Publishing, to the following address:

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