

PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.8203 — Blackstone/New Mountain/JDA Software)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2016/C 347/08)

1. On 15 September 2016, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾ by which the undertakings The Blackstone Group, L.P. ('Blackstone', United States) and New Mountain Capital, L.L.C. ('New Mountain Capital', United States) acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation joint control of the whole of the undertaking RedPrairie Holding, Inc. ('RedPrairie', United States), which owns JDA Software Group, Inc. ('JDA Software Group'), by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- Blackstone: global alternative asset manager that controls the following providers of application software: RGIS; Ipreo; CMS Info Systems Ltd; and Change Healthcare;
- New Mountain Capital: private equity firm;
- JDA Software Group: global provider of end-to-end, integrated retail, omni-channel, and supply chain planning and execution enterprise application software solutions.

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.8203 — Blackstone/New Mountain/JDA Software, 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.