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EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration**(Case M.8151 — Naxicap/TimePartner)****Candidate case for simplified procedure****(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2016/C 385/13)

1. On 11 October 2016, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾ by which Naxicap Partners ('Naxicap', France), acquires — via its indirect portfolio company The House of HR II NV ('THOHR', Belgium) — within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of the whole of TimePartner GmbH ('TimePartner', Germany), by way of purchase of assets.
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
 - for Naxicap: private equity investor with portfolio companies active mainly in Europe, amongst which, THOHR and its subsidiaries provide personnel services, inter alia, in Belgium, the Netherlands and Germany,
 - for TimePartner: provider of personnel services in Germany.
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.8151 — Naxicap/TimePartner, 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.