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Prior notification of a concentration**(Case M.9257 — NEC/KMD)****Candidate case for simplified procedure****(Text with EEA relevance)**

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1. On 15 January 2019, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾.

This notification concerns the following undertakings:

- NEC Corporation ('NEC', Japan),
- KMD Holding APS ('KMD', Denmark), owned by the private equity firm Advent International and the Danish pension fund Sampension.

NEC acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of the whole of KMD.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for NEC: a Japanese technology group providing equipment and IT solutions to the public and private sectors. Through its subsidiary Northgate Public Services Limited ('NPS'), NEC provides IT services to the public sector in the UK.
- for KMD: a Danish IT company active in the provision of IT solutions for local and central governments primarily in Denmark and the Nordic countries.

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 the 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. The following reference should always be specified:

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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.

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