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## EUROPEAN COMMISSION

**Prior notification of a concentration**  
**(Case M.9502 — Synthomer/Omnova Solutions)****(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2019/C 398/03)

1. On 15 November 2019, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 and following a referral pursuant to Article 4(5) of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 <sup>(1)</sup>.

This notification concerns the following undertakings:

- Synthomer plc ('Synthomer', UK),
- Omnova Solutions, Inc ('Omnova', USA).

Synthomer acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of the whole of Omnova.

The concentration is accomplished by way of public bid announced on 3 July 2019.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- Synthomer develops and manufactures speciality chemicals for use in a variety of applications including medical gloves, paper, carpet, bedding, footwear, coatings, adhesives and cement. Synthomer's activities are mainly focused on Europe,
- Omnova develops and manufactures specialty chemicals and thermoplastic films for a variety of applications through its Specialty Solutions and Performance materials divisions. Omnova's activities are predominantly based in North America.

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. The following reference should always be specified:

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

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