

Prior notification of a concentration
(Case M.10344 — Accenture/Umlaut)
Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

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1. On 20 July 2021, 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:

- Accenture plc ('Accenture', Ireland),
- Umlaut SE ('Umlaut', Germany).

Accenture acquires, within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation, sole control of the whole of Umlaut.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for Accenture: global professional services organization providing management consulting, technology, and outsourcing services,
- for Umlaut: German-based professional service provider focusing on the area of engineering services, that is the provision of fulfilment services (such as design, development and optimization of complex products and features) and corresponding consulting services (including strategy, process, organizational and technical consulting), as well as engineering testing and validation services.

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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Observations can be sent to the Commission by email, by fax, or by post. Please use the contact details below:

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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.