

## PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMPETITION POLICY

### COMMISSION

#### **Prior notification of a concentration**

**(Case COMP/M.5699 — Adecco/MPS Group)**

**(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2009/C 284/11)

1. On 18 November 2009, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 <sup>(1)</sup> by which Adecco Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Adecco S.A. ('Adecco', Switzerland) acquires, within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation, control of the whole of MPS Group, Inc. ('MPS', USA), by way of a public bid.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- Adecco: a provider of temporary and permanent employment services throughout the entire range of disciplines in Europe, the Americas, the Middle East and Asia,
- MPS: a US-based provider of professional staffing solutions in the disciplines of information technology, accounting and finance, law, engineering, marketing and creative, property, and healthcare also active in some European countries and in particular in the UK.

3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified transaction could fall within the scope of Regulation (EC) No 139/2004. 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. Observations can be sent to the Commission by fax (+32 22964301 or 22967244) or by post, under reference number COMP/M.5699 — Adecco/MPS Group, to the following address:

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1.