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EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration**(Case COMP/M.5839 — Schlumberger/Smith International)****(Text with EEA relevance)**

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1. On 18 June 2010 the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾ by which Schlumberger Limited ('Schlumberger', USA) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of Smith International, Inc. ('Smith', USA), by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for Schlumberger: supply of technology, project management and information solutions to the oil and gas industry,
- for Smith: provision of equipment, products and services to support the exploration, development and production of oil and gas.

3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified transaction could fall within the scope the EC 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. Observations can be sent to the Commission by fax (+32 22964301), by e-mail to COMP-MERGER-REGISTRY@ec.europa.eu or by post, under reference number COMP/M.5839 — Schlumberger/Smith International, to the following address:

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⁽¹⁾ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the 'EC Merger Regulation').