

Prior notification of a concentration**(Case COMP/M.7073 — KKR/Arle Capital/Hilding Anders)****Candidate case for simplified procedure****(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2013/C 342/08)

1. On 15 November 2013, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾ by which the undertakings KKR & Co. LP ('KKR', USA) and Arle Capital Partners Limited ('Arle Capital', UK) acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation joint control of the undertaking Hilding Anders Midco AB ('Hilding Anders', Sweden), previously solely controlled by Arle Capital, by other means.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for KKR: provision of a broad range of alternative asset management services to public and private market investors and capital markets solutions for the firm, its portfolio companies and clients,
- for Arle Capital: a private equity firm that manages a diversified portfolio of investments headquartered in Europe,
- for Hilding Anders: development, manufacture and marketing of beds, mattresses and related products.

3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified transaction could fall within the scope of the EC 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 EC Merger Regulation ⁽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. Observations can be sent to the Commission by fax (+32 22964301), by email to COMP-MERGER-REGISTRY@ec.europa.eu or by post, under reference number COMP/M.7073 — KKR/Arle Capital/Hilding Anders, to the following address:

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

⁽²⁾ OJ C 56, 5.3.2005, p. 32 ('Notice on a simplified procedure').