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PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION  
POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

**Prior notification of a concentration**

**(Case M.7714 — Apollo/NKBM)**

**Candidate case for simplified procedure**

**(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2015/C 271/06)

1. On 7 August 2015 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 investment funds managed by affiliates of Apollo Management LP ('Apollo', United States), acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of the whole of the undertaking Nova Kreditna Banka Maribor d.d. ('NKBM', Slovenia) by way of purchase of shares.
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
  - for Apollo: investment through funds managed through its affiliates in companies and debt issued by companies in various businesses around the world, including chemicals, real estate, insurance, paper businesses and television production businesses.
  - for NKBM: financial services, real estate and fund management activities.
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 <sup>(2)</sup> it should be noted that this case is a candidate for treatment under the procedure set out in this 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 M.7714 — Apollo/NKBM to the following address:

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

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.