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Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.11320 – CISCO / SPLUNK)

(Text with EEA relevance)

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1. On 7 February 2024, 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:

— Cisco Systems, Inc. ('Cisco', USA); and

— Splunk Inc. ('Splunk', USA).

Cisco will acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of the whole of Splunk.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are the following:

— Cisco develops, manufactures, and sells a broad range of hardware and software products and technologies deployed by businesses globally, including networking, security, collaboration, applications, and cloud-based offerings (e.g., cloud-based applications and services).

— Splunk is a software vendor that helps organisations monitor the performance of their digital systems and keep them secure. Splunk's enterprise security and observability solutions allow its customers to simplify detection, investigation, and response of security and performance issues.

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.

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 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').