Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.8722 — OMERS/Thames Water)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2017/C 396/11)

1. On 16 November 2017, 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:

— Omers Administration Corporation ('OMERS', Canada),

— Thames Water (UK).

OMERS acquires, within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation, sole control over the whole of Thames Water.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— **OMERS** is the administrator of the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System Primary Pension Plan in Canada,

— **Thames Water** is a private utility company that is primarily active in the regulated provision of integrated water and sewerage services to household customers in the Thames Valley region, which incorporates London and parts of south-east England.

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 ([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. The following reference should always be specified:

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Observations can be sent to the Commission by email, by fax, 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').
([2]) OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.