Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.8287 — Nordic Capital/Intrum Justitia AB)

(Text with EEA relevance)

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1. On 12 April 2017, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 [1] by which Nordic Capital Fund VIII Limited (Jersey, Channel Islands) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of the whole of Intrum Justitia AB (Sweden) by way of a purchase of shares. Nordic Capital plans to combine the operations of Intrum Justitia with those of its portfolio company Lindorff.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— Nordic Capital: private equity investor; investment in large and medium-sized companies in the Nordic region and in German-speaking parts of Europe and in global healthcare and European industry;

— Lindorff (Norway): provision of credit management services including debt collection, credit information and scoring, payment services and invoice services in a number of European countries; debt purchasing;

— Intrum Justitia: provision of credit management services including debt collection, credit information and scoring, payment services and invoice services in a number of European countries; factoring and debt purchasing.

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. 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 M.8287 — Nordic Capital/Intrum Justitia AB, to the following address:

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