## Prior notification of a concentration

## (Case M.8175 — Exertis/Hammer)

**(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2016/C 429/07)

1. On 16 November 2016, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 [1] and following a referral pursuant to Article 4(5) of the Merger Regulation by which the undertaking Exertis (UK) Limited (United Kingdom) belonging to the DCC plc group (Ireland) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of the whole of the undertaking Hammer Consolidated Holdings Limited (United Kingdom) by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— DCC plc is an international sales, marketing, distribution and business support services group, with four separate divisions: DCC Energy, DCC Healthcare, DCC Technology and DCC Environmental. Exertis is part of the DCC Technology group of companies,

— Hammer Consolidated Holdings Limited is the parent company of the Hammer plc group of companies which are active as a wholesale distributor of a range of IT products across the EEA, with a particular focus on storage and server products.

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.8175 — Exertis/Hammer to the following address:

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