Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.10465 – Adecco/AKKA)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2021/C 472/11)

1. On 16 November 2021, 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:

— Adecco Group AG ('Adecco', Switzerland),

— AKKA Technologies SE ('AKKA', Belgium).

Adecco acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of the whole of AKKA. The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for Adecco: provision of human capital solutions including flexible placement, permanent placement, career transition, HR outsourcing, consulting, training, and other HR services on a global basis. Through its subsidiary Modis, Adecco is also active in the provision of IT and digital-engineering services,

— for AKKA: provision of engineering and research and development consulting services. AKKA undertakes its activities mainly in the EEA, however has been expanding on a global basis, in particular in North America.

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.