Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.9987 – NVIDIA/Arm)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2021/C 370/08)

1. On 8 September 2021, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 and following a referral pursuant to Article 4(5) of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ([1]).

This notification concerns the following undertakings:

— NVIDIA Corporation ('NVIDIA', USA),

— Arm Limited ('Arm', United Kingdom), belonging to the SoftBank Group Corp. (Japan).

NVIDIA acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of the whole of Arm.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for NVIDIA: design and supply of accelerated computing platforms including graphics processing units for gaming, datacentres, professional visualization, and automotive applications. Through its acquisition of Mellanox, completed in April 2020, NVIDIA also supplies network interconnect products and solutions;

— for Arm: development and licensing of IP to semiconductor suppliers, for end-use in mobile devices, datacentre servers, automotive systems, PC and Internet-of-Things, among others.

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