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Case No COMP/M.7698 - MANPOWERGROUP/ 7S GROUP

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**REGULATION (EC) No 139/2004
MERCER PROCEDURE**

Article 6(1)(b) NON-OPPOSITION
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SIMPLIFIED MERGER
PROCEDURE

To the notifying party:

Dear Sir/Madam,

Subject: Case M.7698 – MANPOWERGROUP/ 7S GROUP
Commission decision pursuant to Article 6(1)(b) of Council Regulation (EC)
No 139/2004¹ and Article 57 of the Agreement on the European Economic Area²

1. On 13 July 2015, the European Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of the Merger Regulation by which ManpowerGroup, Inc. ('ManpowerGroup', USA) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of the whole of 7S Group GmbH ('7S Group', Germany).³
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
 - ManpowerGroup is a global provider of employment services and workforce solutions, including recruitment and assessment, training and development, career management, outsourcing and workforce consulting services,
 - 7S Group is a provider of employment services in the form of temporary and permanent employment services, contract work services and HR consultancy services. In the EEA, 7S Group is active in Austria, Belgium, Finland, Germany, Hungary, the Netherlands, Poland and Slovakia.

¹ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the "Merger Regulation"). With effect from 1 December 2009, the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union ("TFEU") has introduced certain changes, such as the replacement of "Community" by "Union" and "common market" by "internal market". The terminology of the TFEU will be used throughout this decision.

² OJ L 1, 3.1.1994, p. 3 (the "EEA Agreement").

³ Publication in the Official Journal of the European Union No C 240, 22.07.2015, p. 4.

3. After examination of the notification, the European Commission has concluded that the notified operation falls within the scope of the Merger Regulation and of paragraph 5(c) of the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004.⁴
4. For the reasons set out in the Notice on a simplified procedure, the European Commission has decided not to oppose the notified operation and to declare it compatible with the internal market and with the EEA Agreement. This decision is adopted in application of Article 6(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation and Article 57 of the EEA Agreement.

For the Commission

(Signed)
Alexander ITALIANER
Director-General

⁴ OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.