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EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.10153 – Orange/Telekom Romania Communications)

(Text with EEA relevance)

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1. On 8 June 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:

— Orange S.A. ('Orange', France),

— Telekom Romania Communications S.A. ('TKR', Romania), controlled by Deutsche Telekom AG ('DT', Germany).

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

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for Orange: global telecommunications operator, active in Romania through its subsidiaries Orange Romania S.A. and Orange Business Romania S.A., which primarily offers mobile telecommunications services relying on its own mobile network, and to a very limited extent, fixed telephony, fixed internet and TV services relying almost exclusively on third-party infrastructure,

— for TKR: provider of fixed telecommunications services, TV services and multiple-play bundles to residential and non-residential customers, wholesale services to other telecommunications operators, and to a very limited degree, mobile telecommunications services as a Mobile Virtual Network Operator relying on an agreement with Telekom Romania Mobile Communications, all in Romania.

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:

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

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