Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.8239 — NKT Holding A/S/ABB High Voltage Cable Business)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2017/C 27/17)

1. On 23 January 2017, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ([1]) by which the undertaking NKT Holdings A/S (Sweden) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of the whole of ABB's High voltage cable business (Sweden) by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for NKT: through its NKT Cables business unit, is active in the production and supply of low-, medium- and high-voltage power cable solutions used in railway, construction, submarine and underground applications,

— for ABB: ABB's High Voltage Cable Business specialises in the production and supply of high-voltage power cable systems and power cable accessories for use in grid interconnection, offshore and underground applications.

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 number M.8239 — NKT Holding A/S/ABB High Voltage Cable Business, to the following address:

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