Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.9416 — Bolloré Group/M7 Group)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2019/C 265/05)

1. On 31 July 2019, 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:

— Groupe Canal + SA ('Canal +', France), controlled by Bolloré Group ('Bolloré', France),

— M7 Group SA ('M7', Luxembourg).

Canal + acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of the whole of M7.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for Canal +: provision of retail pay-TV services in a number of countries worldwide, including France and Poland within the EEA; production and distribution of audio-visual content; TV channel broadcasting; online and offline selling of advertising windows,

— for M7: provision of retail pay-TV services in Austria, Belgium, the Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, the Netherlands, Romania and Slovakia; TV channel broadcasting in the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Romania; TV channel wholesale distribution in Germany.

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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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').