Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.9332 — Ericsson/Kathrein Antenna and Filter Assets)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2019/C 245/06)

1. On 15 July 2019, 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:

— Telefonaktiebolaget LM Ericsson (publ) including its subsidiaries ('Ericsson', Sweden),

— Kathrein SE including its subsidiaries ('Kathrein Group', Germany).

Ericsson acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of parts of Kathrein Group. The proposed concentration only concerns Kathrein Group's business in passive antennas and filters as components for mobile network equipment.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of assets.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for Ericsson: a provider of network equipment and software, as well as services for network and business operations,

— for Kathrein Group: a provider of communication technologies solutions.

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').