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PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.8808 — T-Mobile Austria/UPC Austria)

(Text with EEA relevance)

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1. On 18 May 2018, 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:

— T-Mobile Austria GmbH ('TMA', Austria) controlled by T-Mobile Austria Holding and belonging to Deutsche Telekom AG ('DTAG', Germany),

— UPC Austria GmbH (Austria), controlled by Liberty Global Group (United Kingdom).

DTAG acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of the whole of UPC Austria GmbH.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for T-Mobile Austria: TMA is a mobile network operator which owns a 2G, 3G and 4G network with nationwide coverage in Austria. It offers mobile telecommunications services to private and business customers at retail level and to mobile virtual network operators at wholesale level. TMA is ultimately controlled by DTAG which, together with its group companies, is an integrated telecommunications company headquartered in Bonn, Germany. DTAG provides fixed and mobile telecommunications as well as internet and IPTV services to consumers mainly in Europe,

— for UPC Austria: the company owns and operates hybrid fibre-coaxial (HFC) cable network in parts of Austria. UPC offers cable TV, fixed internet and fixed telephony services to private and business customers over its HFC cable network.

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').

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