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PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M. 9964 — Eurofiber Nederland/Vattenfall Wärme Berlin/Vattenfall Bitstream Infrastructure)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2020/C 398/12)

1. On 13 November 2020, 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:

— Eurofiber Nederland B.V. ('Eurofiber', the Netherlands), controlled by Antin Infrastructure Partners,

— Vattenfall Wärme Berlin ('VWB', Germany), belonging to the group Vattenfall,

— Vattenfall Bitstream Infrastructure GmbH ('VBIG', Germany), currently belonging to VWB.

Eurofiber and VWB acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) and 3(4) of the Merger Regulation joint control of VBIG.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares in a newly created company constituting a joint venture.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for Eurofiber: provides digital infrastructure using its own fibre-optic networks and data centres,

— for VWB: owns and operates district heating, district cooling and electricity production plants in the Berlin region,

— for VBIG: will install a fibre network in Berlin and will offer wholesale network access to internet service providers and network and connectivity services to business customers.

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.

Pursuant to the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ([2]) it should be noted that this case is a candidate for treatment under the procedure set out in the Notice.

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:

M.9964 — Eurofiber Nederland/Vattenfall Wärme Berlin/Vattenfall Bitstream Infrastructure

([1]) OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the 'Merger Regulation').
([2]) OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.

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