Prior notification of a concentration

(Case COMP/M.6775 — TCP Cable/International Cable Holdings/Kutxabank/Euskaltel)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2012/C 346/09)

1. On 5 November 2012, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ([1]) by which the undertakings TCP Cable, Sàrl ('Trilantic', Luxembourg) and International Cable Holdings, Sàrl ('ICH', Luxembourg) and Kutxabank, SA ('Kutxabank', Spain) acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation joint control of Euskaltel, SA ('the JV', Spain) by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for Trilantic: private equity investments in diversified industry sectors,

— for ICH: private equity investments in diversified industry sectors,

— for Kutxabank: retail banking,

— for the JV: telecommunications services in Spain, specifically in the Basque Country. It offers fixed and mobile telecommunication, Internet and digital television services.

3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified transaction could fall within the scope the EC 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 e-mail to COMP-MERGER-REGISTRY@ec.europa.eu or by post, under reference number COMP/M.6775 — TCP Cable/International Cable Holdings/Kutxabank/Euskaltel, to the following address:

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