Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.8792 — T-Mobile NL/Tele2 NL)

(Text with EEA relevance)

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1. On 2 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 Netherlands Holding BV ('TMNL', Netherlands) controlled by Deutsche Telekom AG (Germany), and

- Tele2 Netherlands Holding NV ('Tele2 NL', Netherlands).

TMNL acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of the whole of Tele2 NL.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

- 2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
- for TMNL: TMNL provides telecommunication services via its fully-owned subsidiaries T-Mobile Netherlands BV and T-Mobile Thuis BV (TMT) to private and business customers in the Netherlands. TMNL owns a mobile network with nationwide coverage over which it provides 2G, 3G, 4G and NB-IoT mobile communication services. TMT provides retail fixed services, including broadband internet, TV and fixed telephony services based on wholesale access services. Another TMNL subsidiary offers credit to private customers for handsets,
- for Tele2 NL: Tele 2 NL is a telecommunications provider that operates in the Netherlands as a 4G-only mobile network operator, providing voice, data and messaging services, and also fixed broadband services. Tele2 NL provides services to business and residential customers and to a limited extent to other telecommunications providers. Tele2 NL subsidiaries also operate a network of retail stores in the Netherlands and offer credit to private customers for handsets.

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').