Prior notification of a concentration
(Case COMP/M.4504 — SFR/TELE 2 France)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2006/C 297/12)

1. On 28 November 2006, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 (1) by which SFR SA (‘SFR’, France), an undertaking jointly controlled by Vivendi SA (‘Vivendi’, France) and Vodafone Group plc (‘Vodafone’, UK), acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1) (b) of the Council Regulation sole control of the fixed telephony and Internet business of the undertaking TELE 2 France (‘TELE 2’, France) by way of purchase of shares. This operation does not concern TELE 2’s business in mobile telephony services.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
   — for Vivendi: media and telecommunications;
   — for Vodafone: mobile telecommunications;
   — for SFR: mobile telephony services in France;
   — for TELE 2: fixed and mobile telephony, Internet and DSL TV services in France.

3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified transaction could fall within the scope of Regulation (EC) No 139/2004. 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 (fax No (32-2) 296 43 01 or 296 72 44) or by post, under reference number COMP/M.4504 — SFR/TELE 2 France, to the following address:

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