

Prior notification of a concentration
(Case M.9433 — MEIF 6 Fibre/KCOM Group)
(Text with EEA relevance)
(2019/C 316/08)

1. On 13 September 2019, 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:

- MEIF 6 Fibre Limited ('MEIF 6 Fibre', United Kingdom), controlled by Macquarie Group Limited ('Macquarie', Australia),
- KCOM Group Public Limited Company ('KCOM Group', United Kingdom).

MEIF 6 Fibre acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of the whole of KCOM Group.

The concentration is accomplished by way of public bid announced on 3 June 2019.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for MEIF 6 Fibre: an investment fund that belongs to Macquarie. Macquarie is a diversified financial group that has established leading positions as a global specialist in a wide range of sectors, including as investor in telecommunications infrastructure since the early 2000s,
- for KCOM Group: a provider of IT and communications solutions to consumers and businesses in the UK, primarily in the Hull and East Yorkshire area of North-East England.

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').