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Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.9604 – NENT/Telenor/JV)

(Text with EEA relevance)

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1. On 23 March 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:

- Nordic Entertainment Group AB ('NENT', Sweden),
- Telenor ASA ('Telenor', Norway),
- the Joint Venture ('JV', Sweden).

NENT and Telenor acquire within the meaning of Articles 3(1)(b) and 3(4) of the Merger Regulation joint control of the JV.

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 NENT: (i) the provision of TV distribution services and TV channels in Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Finland, and the creation, production and distribution of TV shows, commercials, feature films and branded content, and (ii) outside the Nordic region, the operation of production companies in other European countries, and the selling of content to customers worldwide,
- for Telenor: the provision of mobile and fixed telecommunications services and TV distribution services in Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Finland, and the provision of mobile telecommunications services in Asia,
- for the JV: the provision of TV distribution services in Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Finland.

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').

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