

Prior notification of a concentration
(Case M.9963 — Iliad S.A./Play Communications S.A.)

(Text with EEA relevance)

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1. On 21 September 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:

- Iliad S.A. ('Iliad', France), ultimately controlled by French citizen Mr Xavier Niel,
- Play Communications S.A. ('Play Communications', Luxembourg).

Iliad acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of the whole of Play Communications.

The concentration is accomplished by way of public bid announced on 21 September 2020.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for Iliad: provider of fixed and mobile communication services, fixed internal services and TV services in France and of mobile communication services in Italy. Other companies controlled by Mr. Xavier Niel are active in particular in the following sectors: telecoms, media, technologies, start-up businesses and real estate. In the sector of telecommunications, the Xavier Niel's group is mainly active in Ireland, Malta and Cyprus,
- for Play Communications: holding company of P4, which is headquartered in Poland and provides mainly retail mobile and fixed telephony services and fixed internet access services in Poland.

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').