

Prior notification of a concentration**(Case COMP/M.6584 — Vodafone/Cable & Wireless Worldwide)****(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2012/C 158/08)

1. On 29 May 2012, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾ by which the undertaking Vodafone Group Plc ('Vodafone') will acquire, within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation, sole control over Cable & Wireless Worldwide Plc ('CWW') by purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- Vodafone is the holding company of a group of companies that is involved in the operation of mobile telecommunications networks and the provision of related telecommunications services. It has wholly owned or controlled subsidiaries as well as partner networks which are mobile operators globally. Some Vodafone operating companies also provide fixed line voice and broadband services,
- CWW is a global telecoms company providing a wide range of voice, data, hosting and IP-based services and applications across the UK, Asia Pacific, India, Middle East & Africa, Continental Europe and North America.

3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified transaction could fall within the scope the EC 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. Observations can be sent to the Commission by fax (+32 22964301), by e-mail to COMP-MERGER-REGISTRY@ec.europa.eu or by post, under reference number COMP/M.6584 — Vodafone/Cable & Wireless Worldwide, to the following address:

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⁽¹⁾ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the 'EC Merger Regulation').