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PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION
POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case COMP/M.7113 — PPF Group/Telefónica Czech Republic/Telefónica Slovakia)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2013/C 368/15)

1. On 9 December 2013, 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 PPF Group N.V. ('PPF', the Netherlands) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of the undertaking Telefónica Czech Republic a.s. ('Telefónica CZ', Czech Republic) and its fully-owned subsidiary Telefónica Slovakia s.r.o ('Telefónica SK', Slovakia), by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for PPF: finance and investment group active in the sectors of banking and investments, consultancy, real estate, energy, mining and retail of consumer electronics with a focus on Central and Eastern Europe and Asia,
- for Telefónica CZ: fixed and mobile telecommunication and related services in the Czech Republic,
- for Telefónica SK: mobile telecommunication and related services in Slovakia.

3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified transaction could fall within the scope of the EC Merger Regulation. However, the final decision on this point is reserved. Pursuant to the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under the EC Merger Regulation ⁽²⁾ it should be noted that this case is a candidate for treatment under the procedure set out in the Notice.

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 email to COMP-MERGER-REGISTRY@ec.europa.eu or by post, under reference number COMP/M.7113 — PPF Group/Telefónica Czech Republic/Telefónica Slovakia, to the following address:

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

⁽²⁾ OJ C 56, 5.3.2005, p. 32 ('Notice on a simplified procedure').