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#### EUROPEAN CENTRAL BANK

### RECOMMENDATION OF THE EUROPEAN CENTRAL BANK

of 26 April 2013

to the Council of the European Union on the external auditors of Suomen Pankki (ECB/2013/12)

(2013/C 126/01)

THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN CENTRAL BANK,

Having regard to the Statute of the European System of Central Banks and of the European Central Bank, and in particular Article 27.1 thereof,

#### Whereas:

- (1) The accounts of the European Central Bank (ECB) and national central banks of the Member States whose currency is the euro are audited by independent external auditors recommended by the ECB's Governing Council and approved by the Council of the European Union.
- (2) The mandate of Suomen Pankki's current external auditors ended following the audit for the financial year 2012. It is therefore necessary to appoint external auditors from the financial year 2013.

(3) Suomen Pankki has selected PricewaterhouseCoopers Oy as its external auditors for the financial years 2013 to 2019.

#### HAS ADOPTED THIS RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that PricewaterhouseCoopers Oy should be appointed as the external auditors of Suomen Pankki for the financial years 2013 to 2019.

Done at Frankfurt am Main, 26 April 2013.

The President of the ECB Mario DRAGHI

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# NOTICES FROM EUROPEAN UNION INSTITUTIONS, BODIES, OFFICES AND AGENCIES

#### **EUROPEAN COMMISSION**

Interest rate applied by the European Central Bank to its main refinancing operations (1): 0,75 % on 1 May 2013

Euro exchange rates (2)
2 May 2013

(2013/C 126/02)

1 euro =

	Currency	Exchange rate		Currency	Exchange rate
USD	US dollar	1,3191	AUD	Australian dollar	1,2871
JPY	Japanese yen	129,04	CAD	Canadian dollar	1,3285
DKK	Danish krone	7,4559	HKD	Hong Kong dollar	10,2357
GBP	Pound sterling	0,84660	NZD	New Zealand dollar	1,5540
SEK	Swedish krona	8,5503	SGD	Singapore dollar	1,6270
CHF	Swiss franc	1,2244	KRW	South Korean won	1 452,85
ISK	Iceland króna	,	ZAR	South African rand	11,8585
NOK	Norwegian krone	7,5865	CNY	Chinese yuan renminbi	8,1204
BGN	0	,	HRK	Croatian kuna	7,5822
	Bulgarian lev	1,9558	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	12 844,32
CZK	Czech koruna	25,650	MYR	Malaysian ringgit	4,0238
HUF	Hungarian forint	297,08	PHP	Philippine peso	53,940
LTL	Lithuanian litas	3,4528	RUB	Russian rouble	41,2009
LVL	Latvian lats	0,7001	THB	Thai baht	38,821
PLN	Polish zloty	4,1465	BRL	Brazilian real	2,6426
RON	Romanian leu	4,3215	MXN	Mexican peso	16,0529
TRY	Turkish lira	2,3633	INR	Indian rupee	70,9210

<sup>(1)</sup> Rate applied to the most recent operation carried out before the indicated day. In the case of a variable rate tender, the interest rate is the marginal rate.

<sup>(2)</sup> Source: reference exchange rate published by the ECB.

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# PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

#### **EUROPEAN COMMISSION**

Prior notification of a concentration (Case COMP/M.6883 — Canada Life/Irish Life)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2013/C 126/03)

- 1. On 22 April 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 Canada Life Limited ('Canada Life', UK), ultimately controlled by Power Corporation of Canada (Canada), acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of the whole of Irish Life Group Limited ('Irish Life', Ireland) currently controlled by the Minister for Finance of Ireland by way of purchase of shares.
- 2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
- Canada Life: provision of individual and group life insurance, wealth management, retirement protection and asset management services internationally,
- Irish Life: provision of group and individual life and pension insurance, financial advice and products to the public sector union members and fund management in Ireland and the UK.
- 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.6883 — Canada Life/Irish Life, to the following address:

European Commission Directorate-General for Competition Merger Registry 1049 Bruxelles/Brussel BELGIQUE/BELGIË

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the 'EC Merger Regulation').

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