Vivendi owns 3.01% of Mediaset’s share capital

Vivendi announced on April 8, 2016 that it had concluded a strategic and industrial partnership with Mediaset. This partnership, with an international scope, included, on the one hand, various initiatives in the joint production and distribution of ambitious audiovisual content and, on the other hand, the creation of a global over-the-top (OTT) television delivery platform. As a first step, Vivendi was to acquire 3.5% of Mediaset’s share capital and 100% of the share capital of the Mediaset Premium pay-television company, in exchange for 3.5% of Vivendi’s share capital.

The envisaged Mediaset Premium acquisition unfortunately led to a lawsuit and Vivendi’s proposals aimed at finding an amicable solution to the dispute were not agreed by Mediaset and its shareholder Fininvest.

As Vivendi believes that the strategic interest of the industrial partnership announced on April 8, 2016 supersedes the stakes of the lawsuit, Vivendi announces that it has crossed today the 3% threshold of the Mediaset share capital, and that it now owns 3.01%.

Becoming a Mediaset shareholder is, for Vivendi, in line with the Group’s intention to develop its activities in Southern Europe and its strategic ambitions as a major international, European-based, media and content group.

In accordance with applicable regulations, the Consob (the Italian Securities authority) and Mediaset have both been informed that this threshold has been crossed.

Vivendi intends to continue to acquire Mediaset shares depending on market conditions, until possibly becoming Mediaset’s second largest industrial shareholder, which, to begin with, could represent between 10% and 20% of the Mediaset share capital.

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