

***Case No COMP/M.2808 -
BLSI / GEOPOST***

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**REGULATION (EEC) No 4064/89
MERGER PROCEDURE**

Article 6(1)(b) NON-OPPOSITION
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ARTICLE 6(1)(b) DECISION

SIMPLIFIED PROCEDURE

To the notifying parties

Dear Madams and/or Sirs,

Subject: Case No. COMP/M.2808 – BLSI/GeoPost

Notification of BLSI/GeoPost pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EEC) No. 4064/89¹

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1. On 4 July 2002, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89² by which the undertaking GeoPost S.A. (“GeoPost”; France) belonging to the group La Poste (France) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation joint control of the undertaking Masterlink Express Sp. Z.o.o. (“Masterlink”; Poland) controlled by Baltic Logistic System International AB (“BLSI”; Sweden) belonging to the group Posten (Sweden) by way of purchase of shares.
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

¹ OJ L 395, 30.12.1989 p. 1; corrected version OJ L 257 of 21.9.1990, p. 13, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1310/97, OJ L 180, 9.7.1997, p. 1, corrigendum in OJ L 40, 13.2.1998, p. 17.

² OJ L 395, 30.12.1989 p. 1; corrigendum OJ L 257 of 21.9.1990, p. 13; Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1310/97 (OJ L 180, 9. 7. 1997, p. 1, corrigendum OJ L 40, 13.2.1998, p. 17).

- for undertaking GeoPost: holding company of La Poste for the subsidiaries which provide rapid and express document, parcel and freight delivery services in France and several other European countries.
 - for undertaking BLSI: holding company of Posten AB for the subsidiaries engaged in domestic and international parcel services in the Baltic States, Poland and Russia.
 - for undertaking Masterlink: domestic and international rapid parcel services and domestic express parcel services in Poland.
3. After examination of the notification, the Commission has concluded that the notified operation falls within the scope of Council Regulation (EEC) No. 4064/89 and of paragraph 4, subparagraph a of the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89³.
 4. For the reasons set out in the Notice on a simplified procedure, the Commission has decided not to oppose the notified operation and to declare it compatible with the common market and with the EEA Agreement. This decision is adopted in application of Article 6(1)(b) of Council Regulation (EEC) No. 4064/89.

For the Commission

Mario MONTI
Member of the Commission

³ OJ C 217, 29.07.2000, p. 32.