

***Case No COMP/M.3215 -  
MONTAGU PRIVATE  
EQUITY/LINPAC***

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

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

SIMPLIFIED PROCEDURE

**To the notifying party**

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Subject: Case No. COMP/M.3215 – Montagu Private Equity / Linpac  
Notification of 01.07.2003 pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EEC)  
No. 4064/89<sup>1</sup>  
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1. On 01.07.2003, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EEC) No. 4064/89 by which the undertaking Montagu Private Equity Limited (“MPE”, UK), jointly controlled by Montagu Management Limited (“MML”, UK) and The Hong-Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Bank plc (“HSBC”, UK), acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation control of the whole of the undertaking Linpac Group Limited (“Linpac”, UK) by way of purchase of shares.

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<sup>1</sup> 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. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are :
  - for MPE : private equity fund management company ;
  - for MML : holding company of MPE's managers ;
  - for HSBC : financial and banking services ;
  - for Linpac : packaging and automotive components.
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 b, of the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89<sup>2</sup>.
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

Signed by Mario MONTI  
Member of the Commission

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<sup>2</sup> OJ C 217, 29.07.2000, p. 32.