

***Case No COMP/M.3777 -
STORA ENSO /
CORENSO***

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**REGULATION (EC) No 139/2004
MERGER PROCEDURE**

Article 6(1)(b) NON-OPPOSITION
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COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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MERGER PROCEDURE
ARTICLE 6(1)(b) DECISION

SIMPLIFIED PROCEDURE

PUBLIC VERSION

To the notifying party

Dear Sirs,

Subject: Case No. COMP/M. 3777 – Stora Enso/Corenso

Notification of 18.04.2005 pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No. 139/2004¹

Publication in the Official Journal of the European Communities No. C 100 of 26.04.2005, page 33.

1. On 18.04.2005, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 and following a referral pursuant to Article 4(5) of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 by which the Finnish undertaking Stora Enso Oyj (Stora Enso) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation control of the whole of the Finnish undertaking Corenso United Oy Ltd and the German undertakings Corenso United (Deutschland) GmbH & Co KG, Corenso-Elfes GmbH & Co KG and Elfes Beteiligungs GmbH (these companies which together constitute the target, are referred to as Corenso) by way of purchase of shares.

The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for Stora Enso: production and sale of forest industry products.
- for Corenso: production and sale of coreboard and cores

¹ Official Journal L 24, 29.1.2004 p. 1.

2. After examination of the notification, the Commission has concluded that the notified operation falls within the scope of Council Regulation (EC) No. 139/2004 and of paragraph 5, subparagraph c) and subparagraph d), of the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004².
3. 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 (EC) No. 139/2004.

For the Commission, signed
Neelie KROES
Member of the Commission

² Official Journal C 56 of 05.03.2005 p. 32.