

***Case No COMP/M.3844 -  
IBM / GLOBAL VALUE***

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

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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.3844 – IBM ITALIA / GLOBAL VALUE  
Notification of 31/05/2005 pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No.  
139/2004<sup>1</sup>  
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09/06/2005, page 4**

1. On 31/05/2005, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No. 139/2004 by which the undertaking IBM Italia S.p.A. (“IBM ITALIA”, Italy) belonging to IBM Corp. (USA) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation control of the whole of the undertakings Global Value S.p.A (“GV”, Italy) and Global Value Services S.p.A. (“GV Services”, Italy) by way of purchase of shares.

The business activities of the undertakings concerned are :

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 24, 29.1.2004 p. 1

- for undertaking IBM ITALIA: Development, production and marketing of IT systems, equipment, computer software and services;
  - for undertakings GV and GV Services : Design and operation of IT infrastructure, development and maintenance of IT applications, IT services.
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, sub paragraph d, of the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EC) No. 139/2004<sup>2</sup>.
  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

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<sup>2</sup> OJ C 56, 05.3.2005 p.32