

***Case No COMP/M.4325 -
BC PARTNERS /
BUZIOL / FASHION
BOX GROUP***

Only the English text is available and authentic.

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

Article 6(1)(b) NON-OPPOSITION
Date: 18/09/2006

***In electronic form on the EUR-Lex website under document
number 32006M4325***



COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

Brussels, 18.09.2006

SG-Greffe(2006) D/205214

MERGER PROCEDURE
ARTICLE 6(1)(b) DECISION

SIMPLIFIED PROCEDURE

PUBLIC VERSION

To the notifying parties

Dear Madam(s) and/or Sir(s),

**Subject: Case No. COMP/M.4325 - BC PARTNERS / BUZIOL/ FASHION BOX GROUP
Notification of 11/08/2006 pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No.
139/2004¹
Publication in the Official Journal of the European Union No. C 196, dated 19.08.2006,
page 33**

1. On 11/08/2006, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 by which the undertaking Canal Investment SA, controlled by BC Partners Holdings Limited (“BC Partners”, Guernsey) and Buziol Investment Soparfi SA (“Buziol”) acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation joint control of the undertaking Fashion Box Group S.p.A. (“FBG“, Italy), previously solely controlled by Buziol, by way of purchase of shares.
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

¹ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004 p. 1

- for BC Partners : private equity funds;
 - for Buziol: real estate;
 - for FBG: design, manufacture and marketing of casual men's and women's wear and accessories.
3. 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, b of the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EC) No. 139/2004².
 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 (EC) No. 139/2004.

For the Commission
signed
Philip LOWE
Director General