

***Case No COMP/M.5895 -  
KEOLIS NORDIC/  
BUSSLINK GROUP***

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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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ARTICLE 6(1)(b) DECISION

SIMPLIFIED PROCEDURE

**To the notifying party:**

**Subject: Case No COMP/M.5895 - KEOLIS NORDIC/ BUSSLINK GROUP  
Notification of 10.06.2010 pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No  
139/2004<sup>1</sup>  
Publication in the Official Journal of the European Union No C 156,  
16.06.2010, p.8**

- (1) On 10 June 2010, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ("the Merger Regulation") by which the undertaking Keolis Nordic AB ("Keolis Nordic", Sweden), subsidiary of Keolis SA, which is jointly controlled by SNCF-Participations ("SNCF-P", France) and Caisse de Dépôt et Placement du Québec ("CDPQ", Canada), acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of the whole of Busslink i Sverige AB ("Busslink", Sweden), by way of purchase of shares.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1. With effect from 1 December 2009, the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union ("TFEU") has introduced certain changes, such as the replacement of "Community" by "Union" and "common market" by "internal market". The terminology of the TFEU will be used throughout this decision.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
  - for Keolis Nordic: investment in transport services including bus, coach, railway and light railway services in Sweden and Denmark.
  - for Busslink: operation of bus services for Public Transportation Authorities in Sweden.
3. After examination of the notification, the European Commission has concluded that the notified operation falls within the scope of the Merger Regulation and of paragraph 5(d) of the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004<sup>2</sup>.
4. For the reasons set out in the Notice on a simplified procedure, the European Commission has decided not to oppose the notified operation and to declare it compatible with the internal market and with the EEA Agreement. This decision is adopted in application of Article 6(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation.

For the European Commission,  
(signed)  
Alexander ITALIANER  
Director General

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<sup>2</sup> OJ C 56, 5.3.2005, p. 32.