

***Case No COMP/M.6008 -
IK/ GHD***

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

Article 6(1)(b) NON-OPPOSITION
Date: 29/10/2010

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MERGER PROCEDURE
ARTICLE 6(1)(b) DECISION

SIMPLIFIED PROCEDURE

To the notifying party:

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

Subject: Case No COMP/M.6008 – IK/ GHD
Notification of 29/09/2010 pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004¹
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1. On 29/09/2010 the European Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of the Merger Regulation by which the IK Investment Partners ("IK", the Netherlands) acquire(s) within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the EC Merger Regulation control of the whole of GHD GesundHeits GmbH Deutschland (GHD, Germany) by way of purchase of shares. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
 - IK: a European private equity investment firm;
 - GHD: active in the provision of medical devices and certain pharmaceutical products to non-hospitalized patients, wholesale of medical devices and pharmaceuticals, provision of logistic

¹ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 ("the Merger Regulation"). 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.

services in Germany, as well as production of compounded pharmaceuticals and ostomy products.

2. 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(b) 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 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

² OJ C 56, 5.3.2005, p. 32.