

***Case No COMP/M.2528 -
MAERSK IT / LM
ERICSSON / WAC***

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**REGULATION (EEC) No 4064/89
MERGER PROCEDURE**

Article 6(1)(b) NON-OPPOSITION
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MERGER PROCEDURE
ARTICLE 6(1)(b) DECISION

SIMPLIFIED PROCEDURE

For the notifying parties

Dear Madam and/or Sir,

**Subject: Case No. COMP/M.2528– Maersk IT/ LM Ericsson / WAC- JV
Notification of 12.09.2001 pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EEC)
No. 4064/89¹
Publication in the Official Journal of the European Communities No. C268
22.09.2001, page 11.**

1. On 12 September 2001, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EEC) No. 4064/89 by which the undertakings Mærsk IT A/S (“Mærsk”) belonging to the group A.P. Møller, Denmark, and LM Ericsson A/S (“Ericsson”) belonging to the group Telefonaktiebolaget LM Ericsson, Sweden, acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation joint control of the undertaking WAC A/S (“WAC”) by way of purchase of shares in a newly created company constituting a joint venture.
2. The economic sectors involved in the transaction are the IT and telecommunications sectors. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
 - for undertaking Mærsk: development and integration of complete IT solutions.
 - for undertaking Ericsson: supplier in the telecommunications and data industry, offering communication solutions for mobile and fixed networks.

¹ OJ L 395, 30.12.1989 p. 1; corrected version OJ L 257 of 21.9.1990, p. 13, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1310/97, OJ L 180, 9.7.1997, p. 1, corrigendum in OJ L 40, 13.2.1998, p. 17.

- for undertaking WAC: develop wireless communication solutions for voice and/or data primarily based on Bluetooth wireless technology.
3. After examination of the notification, the Commission has concluded that the notified operation falls within the scope of Council Regulation (EEC) No. 4064/89 and of paragraph 4, subparagraphs a, and c of the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89².
 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 (EEC) No. 4064/89.

For the Commission

Mario MONTI
Member of the Commission

² OJ C 217, 29.07.2000, p. 32.