

***Case No COMP/M.3358 -
HOGG ROBINSON /
KUONI***

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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

To the notifying party

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

**Subject: Case No. COMP/M.3358 – Hogg Robinson / Kuoni
Notification of 18.12.2003 pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EEC)
No. 4064/89¹, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1310/97²
Publication in the Official Journal of the European Union No. C317,
30/12/2003, page 16**

1. On 18.12.2003, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89 by which the undertaking Hogg Robinson plc (“Hogg Robinson”, UK), controlled by the Schröder Ventures Ltd, acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation control of the corporate travel business of Kuoni Reisen Holding AG by way of purchase of shares of whole of the undertakings Kuoni Geschäftsreisen AG (Switzerland), Kuoni Reisen Beteiligungs-GmbH (Germany), BTI Business Travel International Deutschland GmbH (Germany), Kuoni Geschäftsreisen GmbH (Austria) and Kuoni Utazasi Iroda Kft (Hungary) (all together “Kuoni business”).

¹ OJ L 395, 30.12.1989 p. 1; corrigendum: OJ L 257, 21.9.1990, p. 13.

² OJ L 180, 9. 7. 1997, p. 1; corrigendum OJ L 40, 13.2.1998, p. 17.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
 - for Hogg Robinson : specialist corporate and employee services company providing outsourcing and consultancy services for example in the areas business travel
 - for Kuoni business : business travel services for corporate customers
3. After examination of the notification, the Commission has concluded that the notified concentration falls within the scope of Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89 and of paragraph 4, subparagraph (c) of the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89³.
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

Signed by Mario MONTI
Member of the Commission

³ OJ C 217, 29.7.2000, p. 32.