

***Case No COMP/M.3452 -
APAX / PCM
UITGEVERS***

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

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

SIMPLIFIED PROCEDURE

PUBLIC VERSION

To the notifying party

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

**Subject: Case No. COMP/M.3452– APAX/PCM UITGEVERS
Notification of 26/05/2004 pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No. 139/2004¹
Publication in the Official Journal of the European Union No. C 147,
02/06/2004, page 4.**

1. On 26 May 2004, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No. 139/2004 by which the undertaking Apax Europe V (“Apax”, Channel Islands) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation control of the whole of the undertaking PCM Uitgevers NV (“PCM”, The Netherlands) by way of purchase of shares.
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
 - for undertaking Apax : investment fund
 - for undertaking PCM : publisher of newspapers and books in Dutch language.

¹ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004 p. 1

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 4, subparagraph b 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 (EC) No. 139/2004.

For the Commission

Mario MONTI
Member of the Commission

² OJ C 217, 29.07.2000, p. 32; Council Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89 has been replaced by Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004.