

***Case No COMP/M.3460 -  
CHARTERHOUSE /  
AUTOBAR***

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

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Article 6(1)(b) NON-OPPOSITION  
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COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

**Brussels, 17/06/2004**

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MERGER PROCEDURE  
ARTICLE 6(1)(b) DECISION

SIMPLIFIED PROCEDURE

**To the notifying party**

Dear Madam and/or Sir,

**Subject: Case No. COMP/M.3460 – CHARTERHOUSE / AUTOBAR  
Notification of 17 May 2004 pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC)  
No. 139/2004<sup>1</sup>  
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26/05/2004, page 4**

1. On 17 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 Charterhouse Capital Partners VII, controlled by Charterhouse Capital Limited (“Charterhouse”, UK) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation control of the whole of the undertakings Autobar Group Limited and Autobar Group B.V. (“Autobar”, UK/Netherlands) by purchase of shares.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 24, 29.1.2004 p. 1.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are :
  - for Charterhouse : equity capital and fund management services,
  - for Autobar : vending and food services, distribution of food services, packaging and disposables.
  
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 4064/89<sup>2</sup>.
  
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

**Signed by Mario MONTI**  
**Member of the Commission**

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 OJ C 217, 29.07.2000, p. 32; Council Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89 has been replaced by Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004.