

***Case No COMP/M.3640 -
BLACKSTONE /
GERRESHEIMER***

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

Article 6(1)(b) NON-OPPOSITION
Date: 14/12/2004

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ARTICLE 6(1)(b) DECISION

SIMPLIFIED PROCEDURE

To the notifying party :

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

**Subject: Case No. COMP/M. 3640 – Blackstone/Gerresheimer
Notification of 16.11.2004 pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No.
139/2004¹
Publication in the Official Journal of the European Union No. C 287,
24.11.2004, page 7**

1. On 16.11.2004, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No. 139/2004 by which the undertaking Blackstone LR Associates (Cayman) IV Ltd. (“Blackstone”, USA) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation control of the whole of Gerresheimer Beteiligungs GmbH (“Gerresheimer”, Germany) by way of purchase of shares.

The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- Blackstone: private equity fund
- Gerresheimer: glass packaging

¹ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004 p. 1

2. 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 5, subparagraph c (ii) of the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EC) No139/2004².
3. 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

Neelie KROES
Member of the Commission
signed

² Available on DG COMP website:
http://europa.eu.int/comm/competition/mergers/legislation/consultation/simplified_tru.pdf.