

***Case No COMP/M.3717 -  
BC PARTNERS /  
CINVEN / AMADEUS***

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

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

SIMPLIFIED PROCEDURE

**To the notifying parties**

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

**Subject: Case No. COMP/M.3717 – BC PARTNERS/CINVEN/AMADEUS  
Notification of 10/02/2005 pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No.  
139/2004<sup>1</sup>  
Publication in the Official Journal of the European Union No. C 44 dated  
19/02/2005, page 9.**

1. On 10/02/2005, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 by which the undertakings CIE Management II Limited (“CIEM”, Guernsey), controlled by BC Partners Holdings Limited (“BC Partners”, Guernsey), and Cinven Limited (“Cinven”, UK) acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation joint control of the undertaking Amadeus Global Travel Distribution S.A. (“Amadeus”, Spain) by way of public bid.
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
  - for CIEM/BC Partners: Private equity business,
  - for Cinven: Private equity business,

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

- for Amadeus: Provision of information technology solutions for the global travel and tourism industry, in particular operation of Global Distribution System (GDS).
- 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 5, subparagraph b of the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EC) No. 139/2004<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)*

Neelie KROES  
Member of the Commission

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<sup>2</sup> Available on DG COMP website:  
[http://europa.eu.int/comm/competition/mergers/legislation/consultation/simplified\\_tru.pdf](http://europa.eu.int/comm/competition/mergers/legislation/consultation/simplified_tru.pdf).