

***Case No COMP/M.3814 -  
RR DONNELLEY /  
ASTRON***

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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 party**

Dear Sirs,

**Subject: Case No. COMP/M.3814 – RR Donnelley / Astron  
Notification of 10/05/2005 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 126, 25/05/2005, Page 8**

1. On 10/05/2005 the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No. 139/2004<sup>1</sup> by which RRD Inks Limited (“RRD Inks”, UK) controlled by RR Donnelley & Sons Company (“RRD”, US) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation control of the whole of Astron Group Limited (“Astron”, UK) by way of purchase of shares.
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are :
  - for RRD: international printing services, printing of newspapers, magazines, catalogues, directories, books etc. in Europe.
  - for Astron: outsourcing of document related processes, document and data storage, printing activities.

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<sup>1</sup> 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 5,(c) 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> OJ C 56, 05.3.2005 p.32