

***Case No COMP/M.3984 -
BAIN FUND GROUP /
FCI***

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

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

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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.3984 – BAIN FUND GROUP / FCI
Notification of 20/09/2005 pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No. 139/2004¹
Publication in the Official Journal of the European Communities No. C 253, 13/10/2005, page 2.

1. On 20/09/2005, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 by which the undertakings Bain Capital Fund VIII-E, Bain Capital Fund VIII and Bain Capital VIII co-investment Fund (together Bain Fund Group, Cayman Islands), managed by Bain Capital Investors Group (US), acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation control of the whole of the undertaking Framatome Connectors International (“FCI”, France), belonging to the Areva Group, by way of purchase of shares.

¹ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004 p. 1.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are :
- for Bain Fund Group: Fund manager of private equity and venture capital;
 - for FCI: production and distribution of connectors applied in a number of applications, including automotive, telecommunication, computers, household appliances and industrial electronics.
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 139/2004².
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

² OJ C 56, 05.3.2005 p.32.