

***Case No COMP/M.4086 -  
CHARTERHOUSE /  
NOCIBÉ***

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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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MERGER PROCEDURE  
ARTICLE 6(1)(b) DECISION

SIMPLIFIED PROCEDURE

PUBLIC VERSION

To the notifying party

Dear Madam and Sirs,

**Subject: Case No. COMP/M.4086 CHARTERHOUSE/NOCIBÉ  
Notification of 16/12/2005 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 329,  
24/12/2005, p.0009**

1. On 16/12/2005, 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 Limited (“Charterhouse”, United Kingdom) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation control of the whole of the undertaking Nocibé Group (“Nocibé”, France), by way of purchase of shares.
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are :
  - for Charterhouse : provide equity capital and fund management services.
  - for Nocibé : retail of luxury perfumes, beauty products, cosmetics and parapharmacy products.

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

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

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>.

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,  
signed,  
Neelie KROES  
Member of the Commission

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<sup>2</sup> OJ C 56, 05.3.2005 p.32