Case No COMP/M.4098 -INVESTCORP / AUTODISTRIBUTION GROUP

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REGULATION (EC) No 139/2004 MERGER PROCEDURE

Article 6(1)(b) NON-OPPOSITION Date: 09/02/2006

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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.4098 - INVESTCORP / AUTODISTRIBUTION GROUP

Notification of 05/01/2006 pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No. 139/2004¹ Publication in the Official Journal of the European Communities No. C 7, 12/01/2006, p 2.

- 1. On 05/01/2006 the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 by which Parts Holding Sarl ("Parts", Luxembourg, part of the Investcorp Group, UK) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation control of the whole of Autodis S.A ("Autodis", France), by way of purchase of shares
- 2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are :

Parts/Investcorp group : international financial institution acting as a principal and as an intermediary in international investment transactions

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¹ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004 p. 1.

- Autodis : distribution of automotive (car and car engines) spare parts, heavy vehicle (truck, trailer and bus) spare parts, and industrial non-automotive spare parts

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