

***Case No COMP/M.4149 -
IMPERIAL HOLDINGS /
LEX COMMERCIAL /
LEX MULTIPART***

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

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(s) and/or Sir(s),

Subject: Case No. COMP/M.4149 - Imperial Holdings/Lex Commercial/Lex Multipart Notification of 27/02/2006 pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No. 139/2004¹ Publication in the Official Journal of the European Union No. C 56, 08.03.2006, page 10.

1. On 27.02.2006, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No. 139/2004 by which Imperial Holdings Ltd ("IH", South Africa) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation control of Multipart Holdings Ltd and Lex Commercial Ltd (together "Target", UK), by way of purchase of shares.
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
 - IH: logistics, vehicle and forklift leasing, etc
 - Target: distribution of commercial vehicles and spare parts, logistics.

¹ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004 p. 1

2. 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 (c) of the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EC) No. 139/2004².
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

² OJ C 56, 05.3.2005 p.32