

***Case No COMP/M.4195 -
INCHCAPE / LIND***

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

Article 6(1)(b) NON-OPPOSITION
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ARTICLE 6(1)(b) DECISION

SIMPLIFIED PROCEDURE

To the notifying party

Dear Madam / Dear Sir,

Subject: Case No. COMP/M.4195 - INCHCAPE / LIND
Notification of 04.05.2006 pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No. 139/2004¹
Publication in the Official Journal of the European Union No. C116, 17.05.2006, page 7.

1. On 04/05/2006 the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 by which Inchcape plc ("Inchcape", UK) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation control of the whole of Lind Automotive Group Ltd ("Lind, UK") by way of purchase of shares.
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are :
 - Inchcape : Retail and servicing of motor vehicles, financial services, vehicle fleet solutions;
 - Lind : Retail and servicing of motor vehicles.

¹ 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, subparagraph (c) 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]
P. LOWE
Director General

² OJ C 56, 05.3.2005 p.32