

***Case No COMP/M.4244 -  
RAVAGO /  
MUEHLSTEIN***

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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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ARTICLE 6(1)(b) DECISION

SIMPLIFIED PROCEDURE

To the notifying party

Dear Madams and Sirs,

**Subject: COMP/M.4244 - Ravago/Muehlstein**

Notification of 30.06.2006 pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EEC) No. 139/2004<sup>1</sup>

Publication in the Official Journal of the European Union No. C 160, 11/07/2006, p 5.

1. On 29/06/06, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 by which the undertaking Ravago S.A ("Ravago", Luxembourg) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation control of the whole of the undertaking Muehlstein Holding Corporation ("Muehlstein", USA) by way of purchase of shares.
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
  - for Ravago: distribution, recycling and compounding of polymers, ancillary manufacture of some plastics and construction material and distribution of construction materials mainly in Europe;
  - for Muehlstein: distribution and compounding of polymers in all major regions worldwide with a focus on North and South America;

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<sup>1</sup> 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 (EEC) 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 (EEC) No 139/2004<sup>2</sup>.
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 (EEC) No. 139/2004.

For the Commission,  
p.p. L. EVANS  
Philip LOWE  
Director General

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