

***Case No COMP/M.4270 -
PLATINUM EQUITY /
TEXTRON FASTENING
SYSTEMS***

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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.4270-Platinum Equity / Textron Fastening Systems
Notification of 23/06/2006 pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No.
139/2004¹
Publication in the Official Journal of the European Union No. C 152, dated
30/06/2006, page 4.**

1. On 23.06.2006 the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 by which the undertaking Platinum Equity LLC ("Platinum", USA) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation control of the Fastening Systems Business of Textron , Inc. ("TFS," USA) by way of purchase of shares and assets.

¹ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004 p. 1

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are :
 - for Platinum: private equity firm specializing in acquisition of companies with a broad range of business markets;
 - for TFS: fasteners (such as nuts, bolts and screws), fastening systems and services.
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 by Lowri Evans
Philip LOWE
Director General

² OJ C 56, 05.3.2005 p.32