

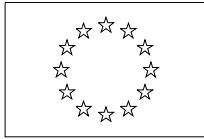
***Case No COMP/M.4275 -
CHARTERHOUSE /
FIVES-LILLE***

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

Article 6(1)(b) NON-OPPOSITION
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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 Sirs,

**Subject: Case No. COMP/M.4275 – Charterhouse/Fives-Lille
Notification of 15.06.2006 pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No. 139/2004¹
Publication in the Official Journal of the European Union No. C 150 of 27.06.2006 on page 10**

1. On 15/06/2006, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 by which the undertaking Charterhouse Limited (“Charterhouse”; United-Kingdom) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation control of the whole of the undertaking Financières F.L (“FFL”; France) the ultimate parent company of the Fives-Lille Group (“Fives-Lille” France), by way of purchase of shares.
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
 - for Charterhouse : provider of equity funds and fund management services

¹ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004 p. 1

- for Fives-Lille : industrial engineering group
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(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)
Philip Lowe
Director General

² OJ C 56, 05.3.2005 p.32