

***Case No COMP/M.4451 -
ALCATEL / NORTEL
NETWORKS***

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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 parties

Dear Madam / Dear Sir,

**Subject: Case No. COMP/M.4451 – Alcatel / Nortel Networks
Notification of 3 November 2006 pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation
(EC) No. 139/2004¹
Publication in the Official Journal of the European Union No. C 278,
16.11.2006**

1. On 3 November 2006, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No. 139/2004 by which the undertaking Alcatel (“Alcatel”; France) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation control of part of the undertaking Nortel Networks Limited (“Nortel”; Canada) by way of purchase of certain assets related to Nortel’s UMTS Radio Access Network (RAN) equipment business.
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
 - for undertaking Alcatel: design, development and building of communications networks;
 - for undertaking Nortel: supply of UMTS RAN equipment.

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
Philip LOWE
Director General

² OJ C 56, 05.3.2005 p.32