

***Case No COMP/M.4607 -
INM / PROVIDENCE /
CAP II / APN***

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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 parties

Dear Madams and Sirs,

**Subject: Case No. COMP/M.4607 – INM / PROVIDENCE / CAP II / APN
Notification of 6 March 2007 pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC)
No. 139/2004¹
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1. On 6 March 2007, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No. 139/2004 by which the undertakings Independent News & Media PLC ("INM", Ireland), Providence Equity Partners VI International L.P. ("Providence", USA) and Carlyle Asia Partners II LP ("CAP II", USA) acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation joint control of the undertaking APN News & Media Limited ("APN", Australia) by way of purchase of shares.

The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for INM: publishing of national and regional newspapers;
- for Providence: private investment fund;
- for Carlyle: private equity fund;

¹ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004 p. 1

- for APN: publishing of daily and non-daily regional/national newspapers and magazines, radio broadcasting, outdoor advertising and provision of online services.
- 2. After examination of the notification, the Commission has concluded that the notified operations falls within the scope of Council Regulation (EC) No. 139/2004 and of paragraph 5, subparagraph b, of the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EC) No. 139/2004².
- 3. 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