

***Case No COMP/M.4621 -
3i / ENTERPRISE***

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

Article 6(1)(b) NON-OPPOSITION
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SIMPLIFIED PROCEDURE

To the notifying party

Dear Sirs,

Subject: Case No. COMP/M.4621 – 3i/ Enterprise

Notification of 26.03.2007 pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No. 139/2004¹

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1. On 26 March 2007, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 by which the undertaking 3i Investments plc ("3i Investments", UK) [controlled by 3i Group plc] acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation control of the whole of the undertaking Enterprise plc ("Enterprise", UK) by way of public bid announced on 23 March 2007.
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are :
 - for 3i Group plc : Private equity and venture capital company
 - for Enterprise plc : Provision of services to utility companies/consulting 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 b, of the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004².

¹ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004 p. 1.

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.