

***Case No COMP/M.4638 -  
CERP / SANACORP /  
MILLENIUM***

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

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Article 6(1)(b) NON-OPPOSITION  
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ARTICLE 6(1)(b) DECISION

SIMPLIFIED PROCEDURE

**To the notifying parties:**

Dear Madam(s) and/or Sir(s),

**Subject: Case No. COMP/M.4638 –CERP/Sanacorp/Millennium  
Notification of 29.03.2007 pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No.  
139/2004<sup>1</sup>  
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03/04/2007**

1. On 29/3/2007 the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 by which the undertakings CERP Rouen S.A. ("CERP Rouen", France) and Sanacorp Pharmahandel AG ("Sanacorp", Germany) acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1) (b) of the Council Regulation joint control of a newly created company constituting a joint venture ("Millennium") by means of contribution of assets and activities.
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
  - for CERP Rouen: wholesale of pharmaceuticals and related services in France and Belgium; supply of home-care equipment, IT services and financing to pharmacies;
  - for Sanacorp : wholesale of pharmaceuticals and related services in Germany;

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 24, 29.1.2004 p. 1

- for Millennium: combination of the parent companies' activities in the wholesale of pharmaceuticals and related services in France, Belgium and Germany.
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 (c) of the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EC) No. 139/2004<sup>2</sup>.
  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

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<sup>2</sup> OJ C 56, 05.3.2005 p.32