

***Case No COMP/M.4649 -  
CHARTERHOUSE /  
ISTA***

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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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COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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SIMPLIFIED PROCEDURE

To the notifying party

Dear Sirs,

**Subject: Case No. COMP/M.4649 – Charterhouse / ista  
Notification of 28 March 2007 pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC)  
No. 139/2004<sup>1</sup>  
Publication in the Official Journal of the European Union No. C79, 12.04.07, p.  
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1. On 28 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 Charterhouse Capital Limited ("Charterhouse", UK) belonging to the Charterhouse group acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation control of the whole of the undertaking ista International GmbH ("ista", Germany) by way of purchase of shares.
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are :
  - for undertaking Charterhouse : private equity company;

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

- for undertaking ista : consumption based measurement and invoicing of electricity, gas, heat and water.

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. 139/2004<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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2 OJ C 56, 05.3.2005 p.32