

***Case No COMP/M.4773 -  
3i / ELTEL***

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

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Article 6(1)(b) NON-OPPOSITION

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MERGER PROCEDURE  
ARTICLE 6(1)(b) DECISION

SIMPLIFIED PROCEDURE

To the notifying party

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

**Subject: Case No. COMP/M.4773 –3i/ Eltel  
Notification of 6 July 2007 pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC)  
No. 139/2004<sup>1</sup>  
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14/07/2007, page 16**

1. On 6 July 2007, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No. 139/2004 by which the undertaking 3i Group Plc ("3i", United Kingdom) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation control of the whole of the undertaking Eltel Group Corporation ("Eltel", Finland) by way of purchase of shares.
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
  - for 3i : private equity.
  - for Eltel : construction and maintenance of telecom and electricity infrastructure

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

2. 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. 139/2004<sup>2</sup>.
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 by Damien Neven  
on behalf of

Philip LOWE  
Director General

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