

***Case No COMP/M.4778 -
ERICSSON / LHS***

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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 party:

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

**Subject: Case No. COMP/M.4778 –ERICSSON/ LHS
Notification of 09/08/2007 pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No.
139/2004¹
Publication in the Official Journal of the European Union No.**

1. On 13.08.2007, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 and following a referral pursuant to Article 4(5) of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 by which the undertaking Telefonaktiebolaget LM Ericsson ("Ericsson", Sweden) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation control of the whole of LHS AG ("LHS", Germany) by way of purchase of shares.

¹ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004 p. 1

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
 - for Ericsson: global provider of telecommunications equipment and related services to mobile and fixed network operators;
 - for LHS: provider of business support system (“BSS”) software and related services, and in particular billing and customer care software (“BCC”) to operators of mobile, fixed line and cable networks.
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 c of the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EC) No. 139/2004².
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