

***Case No COMP/M.4796 -  
CANDOVER / STORK***

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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 party**

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

**Subject: Case No. COMP/M.4796 - CANDOVER/ STORK**  
**Notification of 20.07.2007 pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No. 139/2004<sup>1</sup>**  
**Publication in the Official Journal of the European Union No. C 177 of 31.07.2007, page 11**

1. On 20.07.2007, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No. 139/2004 by which the undertaking London Acquisition B.V. ("London Acquisition", The Netherlands), ultimately controlled by Candover Investments plc ("Candover", UK), acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation control of the whole of the undertaking Stork N.V. ("Stork", The Netherlands) by way of purchase of shares.

The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- Candover, a private global investment firm. Candover is an arranger and provider of private equity for large European buy-outs.

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

- Stork, an industrial group active in the following sectors: Stork Aerospace, Stork Food Systems, Stork Technical Services and Stork Prints.
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 b 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 Paul CSISZÁR (Director) on  
behalf of  
Philip LOWE  
Director General

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