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***Case No COMP/M.4948 -
3i GROUP / GLOBAL
GARDEN PRODUCTS***

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

Article 6(1)(b) NON-OPPOSITION
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COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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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.4948 – 3i Group / Global Garden Products
Notification of 31.10.2007 pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No.
139/2004¹
Publication in the Official Journal of the European Union No. C 271 of
14.11.2007, page 16**

1. On 31.10.2007, 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 Group", UK) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation control of the whole of the undertaking Global Garden Products B S. à r. l. ("Global Garden products", Luxembourg) by way of purchase of shares.

The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for 3i Group: private equity house and venture capital company that makes investments and provides management advice to, and manages investments on behalf of, investment funds

¹ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004 p. 1

- for Global Garden Products: manufacture and sale of a variety of powered garden tools and equipment for household and professional use
- 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. 139/2004².
- 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
Philip LOWE
Director General

² OJ C 56, 05.3.2005 p.32