

***Case No COMP/M.4983 -
LION CAPITAL / AS
LATHOUWERS***

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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 Sir/Madam

Subject: Case No. COMP/M.4983 - LION CAPIAL / AS LATHOUWERS
Notification of 21.11.2007 pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No. 139/2004¹
Publication in the Official Journal of the European Union No. C 286 of 28.11.2007, p.64.

1. On 21.11.2007, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No. 139/2004 by which the undertaking Lion Capital LLP ("Lion Capital", United Kingdom) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation control of the whole of the undertaking Amerikaanse Stockhuizen Lathouwers NV ("AS Lathouwers", Belgium) by way of purchase of shares.
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
 - Lion Capital: capital investments.
 - AS Lathouwers: retail sale of outdoor goods.

¹ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004 p. 1

3. After examination of the notification, the Commission has concluded that the notified operations 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