

***Case No COMP/M.5016 -  
TRITON / RUETGERS***

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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.5016 - TRITON / RUETGERS**  
**Notification of 20.12.2007 pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No. 139/2004<sup>1</sup>**  
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1. On 20.12.2007, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No. 139/2004 by which the undertaking Triton Managers II Limited ("Triton", Jersey) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation control of the undertaking Ruetgers Chemicals ("Ruetgers", Germany) currently controlled by Evonik Industries AG by way of purchase of shares.

The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for Triton: private equity;
- for Ruetgers: coal tar chemical company mainly active in the production and refining of basic aromatics.

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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 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  
Philip LOWE  
Director General

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