

***Case No COMP/M.5026 -
KKR / NORTHGATE
INFORMATION
SOLUTIONS***

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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.5026 – KKR / NORTHGATE INFORMATION SOLUTIONS
Notification of 11 January 2008 pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC)
No. 139/2004¹
Publication in the Official Journal of the European Union No. C 17, 24/01/2008, p.
16.**

1. On 11 January 2008, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 by which the undertaking Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co, L.P. ("KKR", USA) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation control of the whole of the undertaking Northgate Information Solutions ("NIS", UK) by way of public bid announced on 21 December 2007.

The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for KKR: Private equity investment.
 - for NIS: The provision of software, outsourcing and information technology services to the human resources, local government, education and public safety market sectors.
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,

¹ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004 p. 1

subparagraph c, 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