

***Case No COMP/M.5138 -
CARLYLE /
NEOCHIMIKI***

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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.5138 - CARLYLE/ NEOCHIMIKI
Notification of 13/05/2008 pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No. 139/2004¹
Publication in the Official Journal of the European Union No. C 124, dated 21/05/2008, page 20

1. On 13/05/2008, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No. 139/2004 by which the undertaking The Carlyle Group ("Carlyle", US) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation control of the whole of the undertaking Neochimiki L.V. Lavrentiadis S.A. ("Neochimiki", Greece) by way of purchase of shares.
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
 - for Carlyle: private equity investment group;
 - for Neochimiki: distribution and production of chemicals.

¹ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004 p. 1

3. 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.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