

***Case No COMP/M.5240 -  
GE / GMT / BIGPOINT***

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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 parties**

Dear Madam(s) and/or Sir(s),

**Subject: Case No COMP/M.5240 – GE/ GMT/ BIGPOINT  
Notification of 9/07/08 pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No  
139/2004<sup>1</sup>  
Publication in the Official Journal of the European Union No C 180 of 17/07/08  
p. 23**

1. On 09/07/2008, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 by which the undertakings General Electric Company, USA ("GE", USA) and GMT Communications Partners LLP ("GMT", United Kingdom) acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation joint control of the undertaking Bigpoint GmbH ("Bigpoint", Germany) by way of purchase of shares.
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are :
  - for GE : diversified activities in manufacturing, technology and service businesses, including banking and credit services.
  - for GMT : private equity funds.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1.

- for Bigpoint : developing and hosting online games.
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 sub a (i) and (ii) of the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004<sup>2</sup>.
  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 by)  
Philip LOWE  
Director General

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