

***Case No COMP/M.5282 -  
BARCLAYS/  
COMPUTERLINKS***

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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.5282 - Barclays/ Computerlinks  
Notification of 22 July 2008 pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC)  
No 139/2004<sup>1</sup>  
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2008, page 8**

1. On 22 July 2008, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 by which the undertaking CSS Computer Security Solutions Erwerbs GmbH ("CSS", Germany) controlled by Barclays Private Equity Ltd ("Barclays Private Equity", UK) belonging to the group Barclays Bank PLC ("Barclays", UK) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation control of the whole of the undertaking Computerlinks AG ("Computerlinks", Germany) by way of public bid announced on 04 July 2008.

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

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are :
  - for CSS : Acquisition vehicle;
  - for Barclays Private Equity : Private equity business of Barclays;
  - for Barclays : Bank providing universal financial services to private and corporate clients;
  - for Computerlinks : Wholesaler of information technology products in the field of electronic security as well as provider of related services.
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, subparagraph c 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)  
Philip LOWE  
Director General

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