

***Case No COMP/M.5739 -
EQT V/ SPRINGER
SCIENCE + BUSINESS
MEDIA***

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**REGULATION (EC) No 139/2004
MERGER PROCEDURE**

Article 6(1)(b) NON-OPPOSITION
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MERGER PROCEDURE
ARTICLE 6(1)(b) DECISION

SIMPLIFIED PROCEDURE

To the notifying party:

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

**Subject: Case No COMP/M.5739 – EQT V/ SPRINGER SCIENCE + BUSINESS MEDIA
Notification of 11.12.2009 pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004¹
Publication in the Official Journal of the European Union No C 311,
19.12.2009, p.26**

1. On 11 December 2009 the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of the EC Merger Regulation by which EQT V (United Kingdom) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control over Springer Science + Business Media ("Springer", Luxembourg) by way of purchase of shares.

The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for EQT V: private equity fund;
- for Springer: publishing of academic and professional books, journals and periodicals.

¹ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the "EC Merger Regulation").

2. After examination of the notification, the Commission has concluded that the notified operation falls within the scope of the EC Merger Regulation and of paragraph 5(b) 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 the EC Merger Regulation.

For the Commission
(signed)
Philip LOWE
Director General

² OJ C 56, 05.3.2005, p. 32 ("Notice on a simplified procedure")