

***Case No COMP/M.6328 -  
SOCIMAC/ BOLLORE/ SOCIETE  
D'EXPLOITATION DU  
TERMINAL DE VRIDI***

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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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SIMPLIFIED MERGER  
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**To the notifying parties:**

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

**Subject: Case No COMP/M.6328 – SOCIMAC/ BOLLORE / SOCIETE  
D'EXPLOITATION DU TERMINAL DE VRIDI  
Commission decision pursuant to Article 6(1)(b) of Council Regulation (EC) No  
139/2004**

1. On 10.11.2011, the European Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of the Merger Regulation by which the undertakings Socimac S.A. ("Socimac", Ivory Coast) and Bolloré S.A. ("Bolloré", France) acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation joint control of Société d'exploitation du Terminal de Vridi ("SETV", Ivory Coast), by way of purchase of shares.<sup>1</sup>
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
  - for Socimac: subsidiary of A.P. Møller-Mærsk A/S, which is active in containerised liner shipping; terminal services; inland transportation; logistics; harbour towage; tankers; oil and gas exploration and production; retail; air transport;
  - for Bolloré: transportation and logistic services: manufacture of plastic films, ticket machine terminals, batteries and electric vehicles; fuel distribution; communication and media including advertising; commercialization of plantations;
  - for SETV: development, management and operation of a container terminal under concession from the Port Autonome d'Abidjan; provide services to common users at the Port of Abidjan, Ivory Coast.

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<sup>1</sup> Publication in the Official Journal of the European Union No C 336, 17.11.2011, p.22.

3. After examination of the notification, the European Commission has concluded that the notified operation falls within the scope of the Merger Regulation and of paragraph 5(a) 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 European Commission has decided not to oppose the notified operation and to declare it compatible with the internal market and with the EEA Agreement. This decision is adopted in application of Article 6(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation.

*For the Commission*  
*(signed)*  
*Alexander ITALIANER*  
*Director General*

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<sup>2</sup> OJ C 56, 5.3.2005, p. 32.