

***Case No COMP/M.6474 -  
GE/ MICROSOFT/ JV***

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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  
PROCEDURE

**To the notifying party:**

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

**Subject: Case No COMP/M.6474 – GE/ MICROSOFT/ JV  
Commission decision pursuant to Article 6(1)(b) of Council Regulation (EC) No  
139/2004<sup>1</sup>**

1. On 11.01.2012, the European Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of the Merger Regulation by which the undertakings General Electric Company ('GE', United States) and Microsoft Corporation ('Microsoft', United States) acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation joint control of a newly created company constituting a Joint Venture ('JV', United States) by way of purchase of shares<sup>2</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 ("the Merger Regulation"). With effect from 1 December 2009, the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union ("TFEU") has introduced certain changes, such as the replacement of "Community" by "Union" and "common market" by "internal market". The terminology of the TFEU will be used throughout this decision.

<sup>2</sup> Publication in the Official Journal of the European Union No C 15, 18.01.2012, p.10

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
  - for GE: the operation of various global businesses in the area of energy, healthcare, aviation, transportation, capital and home & business solutions,
  - for Microsoft: the design, development, and supply of computer software and supply of related services on a worldwide basis,
  - for the JV: the creation of an extensible health intelligence platform that collects, processes, analyses and transfers relevant medical data whilst at the same time offering advanced front-end analytical tools to assist doctors and physicians.
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>3</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>3</sup> OJ C 56, 5.3.2005, p. 32.