

***Case No COMP/M.5418 -  
BLACKFRIARS / VINK  
HOLDING***

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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.5418 – Blackfriars/ Vink Holding  
Notification of 5<sup>th</sup> January 2009 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 10,  
15.01.2009, p. 21**

1. On 5<sup>th</sup> January 2009, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 by which Blackfriars Corporation ("Blackfriars", UK, part of the Blackfriars Group, USA), acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation control of the whole of Vink Holding B.V. (Netherlands) Vink Nordic Holding AS (Denmark) and Vink Kunststoffe GmbH (Germany), collectively "Vink Holding", by way of purchase of shares.
2. The activities of the undertakings concerned are:
  - Blackfriars: wholesale and distribution of electrical and plastic products to the industrial, building and sign-manufacturing sectors, in the USA and UK

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

- Vink Holding: wholesale and distribution of semifinished plastic products to the industrial, building and sign-manufacturing sectors, in several countries in continental mainland Europe
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, subparagraphs b and 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.