

Final report of the Hearing Officer in Case COMP/M.4662 — Syniverse/BSG

(Pursuant to Articles 15 and 16 of Commission Decision 2001/462/EC, ECSC of 23 May 2001 on the terms of reference of Hearing Officers in certain competition proceedings — OJ L 162, 19.6.2001, p. 21)

(2008/C 101/08)

On 5 June 2007, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration by which the undertaking Syniverse Technologies, Inc. (**Syniverse**), would acquire, within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation, control of the wireless business of Billing Services Group Limited (BSG) by way of purchase of shares.

After a preliminary examination of the notification, the Commission found that the transaction raised serious doubts as to its compatibility with the common market and the functioning of the EEA Agreement. Consequently, it decided on 10 July 2007 to initiate proceedings pursuant to Article 6(1)(c) of the Merger Regulation.

Syniverse was given access to the key documents in the file, in accordance with the Best Practices rules for merger cases, in the form of non-confidential versions of third parties' replies to the market investigation; these were provided on 17 July 2007.

Following an in-depth market investigation, the Commission services concluded that the proposed transaction would not significantly impede effective competition in the common market or a substantial part of it and is therefore compatible with the common market and the EEA Agreement. Accordingly, no Statement of Objections was sent to the notifying party.

No queries or submissions have been made to me by the parties or any third party. The case does not call for any particular comments as regards the right to be heard.

Brussels, 29 November 2007.

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