
Department of Justice Approves Deal Between Sony and MGM Without Second Request

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On December 8, 2004, the firm won an important victory for its client, Sony Corporation. The Department of Justice's Antitrust Division approved Sony's \$5 billion acquisition of MGM without a Second Request. Given the high profile nature of the transaction and the industry, this was an impressive result, which should facilitate a swift resolution of remaining regulatory hurdles and allow the transaction to close sooner than expected.

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