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**COMP/M.5540 – LION CAPITAL / CEDC / RUSSIAN ALCOHOL GROUP**

**SECTION 1.2**

- 1 On 31 July 2009, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No. 139/2004 by which Lion Capital LLP (“**Lion Capital**”, UK) and Central European Distribution Corporation (“**CEDC**”, USA) acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of Council Regulation (EC) No. 139/2004 joint control of the undertaking CJSC Russian Alcohol Group and of its subsidiaries (“**Russian Alcohol Group**”, Russia) by way of the grant of certain contractual veto rights.

The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for Lion Capital: private equity investor;
- for CEDC: manufacturer of vodkas and distributor of alcoholic beverages;  
and
- the Russian Alcohol Group: manufacturer and distributor of vodkas and ready mixed alcoholic beverages.