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SECTION 1.2

Description of the concentration

On 18 April 2006, the Commission received a notification concerning a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of the Council Regulation (EC) No. 139/2004, by which BASF Aktiengesellschaft proposes to acquire the Construction Chemicals business of Degussa AG including relevant assets, personnel, subsidiaries, and know-how (“DCC”).

The business activities of the undertakings are:

- BASF: high-performance products, including chemicals, plastics, coatings systems, dispersions, agricultural products, fine chemicals as well as crude oil and natural gas.
- DCC: chemical systems and formulations for customers in the construction industry.

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