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**COMP/M. 4242-THERMO ELECTRON CORPORATION / FISHER SCIENTIFIC INTERNATIONAL**

**SECTION 1.2**

**Description of the concentration**

The transaction involves the acquisition by Thermo Electron Corporation (“Thermo”) of sole control of Fisher Scientific International Inc. (“Fisher”).

Thermo is a manufacturer and supplier of analytical instruments, scientific equipment, services and software solutions for life science, drug discovery, clinical, environmental and industrial laboratories.

Fisher is a manufacturer, supplier and distributor of products and services for the scientific community, including pharmaceutical and biotech companies, universities, medical-research institutions, hospitals, laboratories in various industries and government agencies.

The only affected markets are in the manufacture, supply and distribution of certain products within the areas of laboratory equipment, clinical diagnostics products and electrochemistry equipment.