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COMP/M. 4442 – CARPHONE WAREHOUSE / AOL UK

SECTION 1.2

Description of the concentration

This notification concerns a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No. 139/2004 by which the undertaking The Carphone Warehouse Group PLC ("Carphone Warehouse", UK) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation control of the whole of three undertakings and various assets which following a reorganisation prior to completion will together comprise the nearly all the UK Internet access business and the residential fixed telephony business of AOL ("AOL UK"). AOL will retain a small legacy narrowband internet access business and continue to offer audience services in the UK, (mainly online portal, content and other audience services and management of online advertising services).

Regardless of the frame of reference adopted, the proposed concentration will not impede effective competition in the common market, or in a substantial part of it, whether by means of creating or strengthening a dominant position or otherwise.

The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- For undertaking Carphone Warehouse: mobile communications retailing and the provision of Internet access and voice telephony services.
- For the undertakings comprising AOL UK: provision of Internet access and voice telephony services in the UK.