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COMP/M.5675-SYNGENTA / MONSANTO'S SUNFLOWER SEED BUSINESS

SECTION 1.2

Description of the concentration

The notification relates to a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) 139/2004 (“EC Merger Regulation”). Syngenta Crop Protection AG intends to acquire, within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the EC Merger Regulation, sole control over certain assets pertaining to the global hybrid sunflower business of Monsanto Company. The transaction was referred to the Commission under Article 22 of the EC Merger Regulation on 12 November 2009, following a request for referral by the Spanish Competition Authority on 1 October 2009, which was joined by the Hungarian Competition Authority on 14 October 2009.

The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- a. Syngenta Crop Protection AG is a Swiss company belonging to the Syngenta group of companies, headed by Syngenta AG, Basel, Switzerland. The Syngenta group is globally active in the agribusiness. It develops, produces and sells agrochemicals, in particular crop protection products, and seeds, among others sunflower seeds and sunflower seed treatments.
- b. The Target Business consists of certain assets pertaining to Monsanto’s global hybrid sunflower business. The Target Business is active in Austria, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Romania, Slovakia and Spain.