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**COMP/M.6128 – BLACKSTONE / MIVISA**

**SECTION 1.2**

**Description of the concentration**

On 18 February 2011, the Commission received a notification concerning a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No. 139/2004, by which investment funds managed or advised by affiliates of The Blackstone Group L.P. (together, “Blackstone”) propose to acquire indirect sole control of Sofamen XXI, S.A.U. (together with its subsidiaries, “Mivisa”), within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation.

The business activities of the undertakings are:

Blackstone

Blackstone is a global alternative asset manager and provider of financial advisory services. It is headquartered in the United States and has offices in Europe and Asia. The Blackstone Group L.P. is listed on the New York Stock Exchange. Blackstone operates as an investment management firm, not as a conglomerate or a holding company. Accordingly, each company in its investment portfolio is independently managed and financed and each has different investors (although the investors in different Blackstone funds or companies may overlap). Each Blackstone portfolio company has its own board of directors, which generally also includes Blackstone representatives.

Mivisa

Mivisa’s parent, Sofamen XXI, S.A.U., is a Spanish public limited liability company. Mivisa focuses overwhelmingly on the manufacture of tinsplate food cans. Mivisa operates through subsidiaries in Spain (Mivisa Envases Metalicos S.A.U.), Benelux (Mivisa Benelux, B.V.), France (Mivisa France S.à r.l.), Hungary (Mivisa Hungary, KFT), Morocco (Mivisa Maroc, S.A.) and the US (Mivisa USA, Inc.).