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Description of the concentration

"General Electric Company ("GE") and Microsoft Corporation ("Microsoft") (collectively the "Parties") intend to create a full-function joint venture (the "Joint Venture") with the object of creating an extensible health intelligence platform that collects, processes, analyses and transfers relevant medical data whilst at the same time offering advanced front-end analytical tools to assist doctors and physicians. The platform will be an open one for which independent software developers can develop applications.

GE is a global, diversified manufacturing, technology and services company. GE is made up of a number of business units, each with its own divisions. Its primary business units include: GE Energy, GE Healthcare ("GEHC"), GE Aviation, GE Transportation, GE Capital and GE Home & Business Solutions. GE's activities in healthcare equipment and services are carried out through GEHC which specialises, *inter alia*, in medical diagnostic imaging, patient monitors and anaesthesia delivery systems, healthcare information technology, life sciences media and equipment and related services and healthcare products.

Microsoft is a company that is involved in the design, development and supply of computer software and the supply of related services on a worldwide basis. It has six operating divisions: Windows & Windows Live Division, Server and Tools, Online Services Division, Microsoft Business Division, Entertainment and Devices Division, and the Skype Division. Microsoft's Amalga product is an extensible health intelligence platform."