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M.8633 - LUFTHANSA / CERTAIN AIR BERLIN ASSETS

SECTION 1.2

Description of the concentration

Following the institution of Air Berlin's insolvency proceedings, the Lufthansa Group has entered into an agreement to acquire parts of the Air Berlin Group by way of purchase of shares, in particular NIKI Luftfahrt GmbH ("NIKI", Austria) and Luftfahrtgesellschaft Walter mbH ("LGW", Germany).

Lufthansa's passenger air transport business includes Lufthansa Passenger Airlines, Swiss International Airlines, Brussels Airlines, Austrian Airlines, Air Dolomiti, Eurowings, Germanwings, Edelweiss Air and SunExpress. It operates hubs in Frankfurt, Munich, Brussels, Zurich and Vienna. With Air Berlin's internal restructuring, NIKI has been transformed into a point-to-point carrier focusing on leisure travellers. It operates out of German, Austrian and Swiss airports and serves mainly touristic destinations in and around the Mediterranean (such as the Balearic Islands, the Greek Islands) as well as the Canary Islands. Until 28 October 2017, LGW operated aircraft wet-leased to Air Berlin, serving short-haul routes into Duesseldorf and Berlin, primarily as a feeder for Air Berlin's short and long-haul operations. It did not market its own tickets or have a market presence of its own.

Pursuant to the Proposed Transaction, LGW is intended to serve as a vehicle to continue to operate the flight programme currently served by Air Berlin under a wet-lease agreement with the Lufthansa Group established in December 2016. Prior to the Transaction, a slot package for the winter season 2017/2018 as well as for summer 18 season (including slots at airports Berlin-TXL, DUS, FRA and MUC) is intended to be transferred to LGW for use by the Lufthansa Group.