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COMP/M. 5611 - AGILENT TECHNOLOGIES / VARIAN

SECTION 1.2

Description of the concentration

On 23 November 2009, the European Commission was notified of a concentration resulting from the offer by Agilent Technologies, Inc. (*Agilent*) to acquire the entire issued share capital of Varian, Inc. (*Varian*).

Agilent and Varian are active in the analytical and life sciences instrumentation market which encompasses the manufacture and sale of instruments, consumables and services used for the analysis of chemicals by customers in a wide variety of end markets, frequently in a laboratory setting.

Agilent, headquartered in the U.S., designs, develops, manufactures, markets, sells and services electronic and bio-analytical measurement products (including analytical and life science instruments). Agilent has approximately 17,000 employees with primary research and development and manufacturing sites located in the U.S., China, Germany, India, Japan, Malaysia, Singapore and the United Kingdom.

Varian, headquartered in the U.S., designs, develops, manufactures, markets, sells and services scientific instruments (including analytical and life science instruments) and vacuum products. Varian employs approximately 3,600 people located at manufacturing sites in North America, China, and Europe and in 60 sales and support offices around the world.