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## **COMP/M. 5732 - HEWLETT-PACKARD COMPANY/3COM CORPORATION**

### **SECTION 1.2**

#### **Description of the concentration**

This notification concerns the proposed acquisition by Hewlett-Packard Company (“HP”) of 3Com Corporation (“3Com”) by way of a corporate merger of a subsidiary of HP into 3Com as a result of which 3Com will be a wholly-owned subsidiary of HP.

The business activities of the undertakings concerned are as follows:

For HP, development, manufacture and commercialization of products, technologies, software, solutions, and services to individual consumers and businesses, including the public and education sectors.

For 3Com, development, manufacture, and commercialization of communications equipment that provides network solutions for businesses.

By integrating 3Com’s networking infrastructure technology with its existing products, HP plans to optimize and complete its product line. Overall, the Transaction will result in a more complete offering of products ultimately benefiting customers with enhanced networking systems.