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**COMP/M.4217 – Providence/Carlyle/UPC Sweden**

**SECTION 1.2**

**Description of the concentration**

Carlyle Europe partners II L.P. and Providence Equity Offshore Partners V L.P. ('Providence') intend to acquire joint control of NBS Nordic Broadband Services AB (publ). NBS Nordic Broadband Services AB (publ) provides internet, television, and in the near future also telephony services over its network to its subscribers in Sweden under the UPC brand.

Providence and Carlyle have recently acquired Com Hem, a Swedish provider of TV, internet and telephony services, via their jointly controlled SPV Nordic Cable Acquisition Company AB.

Carlyle is global private equity firm. The Carlyle Group is a private investment group, which makes private equity investments through various funds. Carlyle Europe partners II L.P. is one of the European investments funds of the Carlyle Group.

Providence Equity Partners Inc. is a US based global private investment firm specializing in equity investments in media and communications companies. Providence Equity Offshore Partners V L.P. is one of the investment funds of Providence Equity Partners Inc.