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COMP/M.4179 – Huntsman / Ciba Specialty Chemicals

SECTION 1.2

Description of the concentration

The proposed transaction comprises the acquisition by Huntsman International LLC ('Huntsman') from Ciba Specialty Chemicals Holding Inc. ('Ciba') of the latter's Textile Effects Business (the 'TE Business'), including its assets and liabilities. The proposed transaction constitutes a concentration by way of acquisition of sole control within the meaning of Article 3(1) (b) of the EC Merger Regulation. As the parties' turnovers meet the turnover thresholds set forth in the EC Merger Regulation, the proposed transaction has a Community dimension and hence, falls within the scope of the Regulation.

The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- Huntsman: production and distribution of a wide variety of chemical products worldwide, ranging from basic commodity chemicals to higher value-added specialty intermediate chemicals; and
- Ciba's TE Business: supply of specialty dyes and chemicals, services and integrated solutions to the textile industry. In particular, development, production and marketing of dyes for cellulose, wool, silk and polyamide, disperse dyes, cationic dyes and textile pigments; and a variety of textile chemicals.