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COMP/M.4377 - Doughty Hanson / Caudwell Group Mobile Distribution Business

SECTION 1.2

Description of the concentration

The UK private equity fund manager Doughty Hanson & Co. Limited ("DHC") intends to indirectly acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the EC Merger Regulation control of the Caudwell Group's mobile distribution business ("Mobile Distribution Business"), by way of purchase of shares.

The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for the undertaking DHC: private equity fund manager; and
- for the Mobile Distribution Business: distribution and repair of mobile handsets and accessories, as well as ancillary services (e.g. customisation/kitting of mobile phones and packaging, sale of tariff-based contracts to consumers and businesses, sale of mobile phone top-up vouchers). Recruitment of professionals.

This case is a candidate for notification in Short Form in accordance with the conditions specified in Annex II of Commission Regulation (EC) No 802/2004 of 7 April 2004 implementing Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 on the control of concentrations.