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**COMP/M.4439 – RYAN AIR/AER LINGUS**

**SECTION 1.2**

**Description of the concentration**

This notification involves a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of the EC Merger Regulation by which Ryanair Holdings plc (Ryanair), a company incorporated in Ireland, will acquire, within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the EC Merger Regulation, control of Aer Lingus Group plc (Aer Lingus), a company also incorporated in Ireland, by way of a public bid in October 2006. Ryanair has indicated willingness, to make as part of its bid, a commitment to reduce Aer Lingus' short-haul fares by 2½% per annum for a minimum of four years after completion of the Concentration. The bid is designed to lower fares, lower fuel surcharges and improve services. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- Ryanair: provision of low fares, point-to-point scheduled short-haul air transport services; and
- Aer Lingus: provision of scheduled long-haul and short-haul air transport services.