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## **COMP/M. 4476 NORILSK NICKEL / OMG NICKEL**

### **SECTION 1.2**

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

- 1.2 Provide a summary (up to 500 words) of the information provided under Section 1.1. It is intended that this summary will be published on the Commission's website at the date of notification. The summary must be drafted so that it contains no confidential information or business secrets.**

The notification relates to the proposed acquisition by OJSC MMC Norilsk Nickel ("Norilsk Nickel") of the nickel business of OM Group, Inc. ("OMG") within the meaning of Article 3.1(b) of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004. Norilsk Nickel, together with its subsidiaries, is a Russian-based group active internationally in the mining, processing, refining, and sale of nonferrous metals, including nickel, copper and cobalt as well as platinum group metals.

OMG is active internationally in the mining, processing and refining of nickel and is an international producer and marketer of value-added, nickel and cobalt-based and other metal based specialty chemicals and functional materials.

OMG's nickel business comprises certain stock and tangible and intangible business assets including OMG's nickel refinery in Finland, OMG's Australian nickel mine and leaching facility and, as well as minority interests in MPI Mines Pty. Ltd., an Australian mining company, Talvivaaran Kaivososakeyhtiö, a Finnish mining company, and Hyena Holding AB, a Swedish company established to explore and develop an undeveloped nickel-cobalt prospect in Morocco.