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## **COMP/M. 4620 – SWISSCOM / FASTWEB**

### **SECTION 1.2**

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

On March 12, 2007, Swisscom announced its intention to launch a public tender offer on all the FASTWEB shares. The largest shareholder of FASTWEB has entered into an irrevocable undertaking under which it will tender its shares to Swisscom subject to certain conditions. This stake represents some 18.7% of Swisscom share capital.

Swisscom is the largest telecommunications operator in Switzerland. It is listed on both the Swiss and New York stock exchanges (trading in New York taking the form of American Depository Receipts).

Swisscom provides an extensive range of telecommunications services and related activities in Switzerland and is also active in other European countries and internationally.

FASTWEB is one of the leading OLOs in Italy. It provides a full range of fixed telecommunications services to all categories of customers. It specializes in particular in the provision of innovative broadband internet services to end customers.

The acquisition of FASTWEB will allow Swisscom to enter the Italian market where currently it is hardly present.

In view of the fact that the parties' activities do not overlap from a geographical point of view, it is totally unlikely that the transaction will lead to any significant effect from an antitrust perspective. At most it will provide FASTWEB with an opportunity to challenge the Italian incumbent's still very strong position on the market. Any vertical relationship is also irrelevant due to FASTWEB still limited market share in Italy.