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## **COMP/M.4748 – T-MOBILE / ORANGE NETHERLANDS**

### **SECTION 1.2**

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

T-Mobile Netherlands Holding B.V. ("T-Mobile") intends to acquire sole control over Orange Nederland Breedband B.V. and Orange Nederland N.V. ("Orange Netherlands"). T-Mobile is a wholly owned indirect subsidiary of T-Mobile International AG & CO KG, which is itself an indirect subsidiary of Deutsche Telekom AG. The two Orange Netherlands companies are wholly owned indirect subsidiaries of France Télécom SA and part of the current Orange mobile telephone operators group.

Both undertakings concerned provide mobile telecommunications services in the Netherlands. Orange Netherlands is, moreover, active in providing broadband Internet access services in the Netherlands. The concentration mainly concerns the Dutch market for mobile telecommunications services.

T-Mobile intends to reinforce its market position in the Netherlands in order to be able to compete more effectively with the market leader KPN/Telfort.

The Dutch mobile telecommunications market is characterized by very strong competition, further facilitated by the existence of numerous mobile virtual network operators that exercise significant competitive constraints on the mobile network operators in the Netherlands