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COMP/M.4827 - RIO TINTO/ ALCAN

SECTION 1.2

Description of the concentration

On 21 August 2007, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No. 139/2004, by which Rio Tinto plc ("**Rio Tinto**") will acquire sole control over Alcan Inc ("**Alcan**").

The business activities of the undertakings concerned are respectively:

1. Rio Tinto: Rio Tinto is an international mining company whose business is finding, mining and processing mineral resources. Rio Tinto's major products are aluminium, copper, diamonds, energy (coal and uranium), gold, industrial minerals (borax, titanium dioxide, salt, talc) and iron ore.

2. Alcan: Alcan is involved in many aspects of the aluminium, engineered products and packaging industries. The activities of Alcan include bauxite mining, alumina refining, production of specialty alumina, aluminium smelting, manufacturing and recycling, engineered products, flexible and specialty packaging, as well as related research and development.