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SECTION 1.2

Description of the concentration

Carlyle Europe Partners III L.P. (managed by the Carlyle Group) proposes to acquire Applus from Agbar, Unión Fenosa and Caja Madrid.

Carlyle Group is a global private equity investment group which manages funds that make private equity investments in selected industries, including telecommunications and media, automotive and transport, aerospace, energy and healthcare.

Applus, together with its subsidiaries, is active in the inspection and certification sector. Applus operates in the following four business lines:

- Auto Vehicle Inspection – the checking of vehicle conditions for safety and to control noise and pollution emissions for commercial and domestic vehicles;
- Engineering Testing and Certification – consisting of two services focused on the auto industry and consumer products. The two services are: (i) the testing and calibration of products, equipment and structures against safety, regulatory, quality and performance metrics; and (ii) independent confirmation that a product/process/equipment complies with a pre-specified standard, providing a certificate to demonstrate compliance;
- Non-destructive Test and Inspection – the determination of maintenance requirements of safety, critical installations and facilities for the petro-chemical (oil and gas) and energy sectors; and
- Inspection and Technical Assistance and Consultancy – assessing and suggesting improvements to the quality, safety and efficiency in the design, construction and operation of facilities, infrastructures and operation of facilities.