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SECTION 1.2

Description of the concentration

De Weide Blik N.V., which is ultimately controlled by CVC Capital Partners Group S.a.r.l., intends to acquire control over Katopé International S.A. through one of its subsidiaries (Legumex Trade N.V.).

CVC Capital Partners Group S.a.r.l. is an independent private equity firm specialising in large-scale leveraged buy-outs. The principal part of its business is providing investment advice to, and/or managing investments in, other companies through CVC funds in various industries in Europe and the Asia-Pacific Region.

De Weide Blik N.V. is a Belgian group active in the production, import, export, packaging, handling and logistics of fresh fruit, vegetables, flowers, flower bulbs, plants and meals. It operates under umbrella name of the Univeg Group of Companies. Primary customers are retail chains, wholesalers and foodservice. Its main activities are concentrated in the Benelux region and Germany.

Katopé International S.A. is a French group which is active in the production, import, export, packing and distribution of exotic, citrus and off-season fruits as well as, to a lesser extent, vegetables. In Europe, the UK and France are by far its two most important sales areas.