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COMP/M. 5044 - BRIDGEPOINT / PRET A MANGER

SECTION 1.2

Description of the concentration

The Commission has received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) 139/2004 by which a newly incorporated company that is ultimately solely controlled by Bridgepoint Capital Group Limited proposes to acquire, within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the EC Merger Regulation, sole control of Pret a Manger Holdings Limited by way of purchase of shares.

The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- (i) Bridgepoint: a private equity company which invests in companies active in various sectors; and
- (ii) Pret a Manger: a food and drink retail business consisting of a chain of sandwich shops

The proposed concentration raises no doubts as to its compatibility with the common market.