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COMP/M.5145 - Staples/Corporate Express

SECTION 1.2

Description of the concentration

The transaction consists in the acquisition by Staples, Inc. ("**Staples**") of sole control over Corporate Express N.V. ("**Corporate Express**").

The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

Staples: Distribution of office supplies through "brick and mortar" stores and distant (mail order and internet) sales to small and medium-sized businesses and to individuals.

Corporate Express: Distribution of office supplies as a contract stationer to large businesses and institutions, and distribution of printing equipment, consumables, and services to commercial printers.