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SECTION 1.2

Description of the concentration

The notified transaction relates to the proposed acquisition by Danisco A/S, through its subsidiary Danisco Holdings (UK) Limited, of the entire issued share capital of Abitec Limited.

Danisco A/S is a global producer of food-ingredients based in Denmark.

Abitec Limited, a subsidiary of Associated British Foods plc, is a producer of emulsifiers based in Northampton, UK.

Both companies are active in the supply of food-grade emulsifiers. Emulsifiers are a type of food ingredient, produced from natural fats and oils (sometimes combined with synthetic materials such as glycerol or organic acids), which are used for a variety of applications in the food and non-food sectors. In food, emulsifiers provide a range of functions including the control of texture, oil stabilisation, aeration and freshness enhancement.