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**COMP/M.5334-RICOH / IKON**

**SECTION 1.2**

**Description of the concentration**

On September 19, 2008, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of the EC Merger Regulation, by which Ricoh Company Ltd. ("Ricoh") will acquire sole control over IKON Office Solutions, Inc. ("IKON")

The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- For Ricoh: production and distribution of office automation products and related services;
- For IKON: distribution of office automation products and related services.

The Parties' activities overlap only in the wholesale distribution of photocopiers, printers and fax machines in several EEA countries, Ricoh being also active in the upstream production markets.