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COMP/M. 5283 – SAPPI / M-REAL

SECTION 1.2

Description of the concentration

On 29 September 2008, the European Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) 139/2004 (“**EC Merger Regulation**”) by which the undertaking Sappi Limited (directly or through one of its subsidiaries) intends to acquire, within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the EC Merger Regulation, the coated graphic paper business and certain related uncoated graphic paper business activities of M-real Corporation.

The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- (i) For Sappi Limited: a producer of coated fine paper, and its paper is widely used in a variety of applications, from books to wine labels, from magazines and brochures to catalogues and calendars.
- (ii) For M-real Corporation: a supplier of packaging products and related services, coated fine paper (typically used for advertising, books and annual reports), uncoated fine paper (typically used for office uses), coated magazine paper (typically used for magazines and direct mail), speciality paper and pulp.