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**COMP/M. 5264 – INVITROGEN / APPLIED BIOSYSTEMS**

**SECTION 1.2**

**Description of the concentration**

On 11 June 2008, Applera Corporation (now known as Applied Biosystems Inc.) entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger with Invitrogen Corporation and Atom Acquisition, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company and a direct wholly owned subsidiary of Invitrogen whereby Applied Biosystems Inc. will merge with and into Atom Acquisition, LLC, with Atom Acquisition, LLC continuing as the surviving company and a direct wholly subsidiary of Invitrogen, and stockholders of Applied Biosystems Inc. will receive compensation for their shares of Applied Biosystems stock in the form of Invitrogen's common stock and cash.

Invitrogen provides products and services that support academic and government research institutions and pharmaceutical and biotech companies worldwide. The company provides essential life science technologies for disease research, drug discovery and commercial bioproduction.

ABI is a global supplier of instrument-based systems, consumables, software, and services for academic research, the life science industry, and commercial markets. ABI commercializes innovative technology solutions for DNA, RNA, protein, and small molecule analysis. Customers across the disciplines of academic and clinical research, pharmaceutical research, and manufacturing, forensic DNA analysis, and agricultural biotechnology use ABI's products and services to accelerate scientific discovery, improve processes related to drug discovery and development, detect potentially pathogenic microorganisms, and identify individuals based on DNA sources. ABI has a comprehensive service and field applications support team for a global installed base of high-performance genetic and protein analysis solutions.

The companies' products are supplied mainly to the life sciences research industry.