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SECTION 1.2

Description of the concentration

Pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No. 139/2004, International Business Machines Corporation ("IBM") has notified to the Commission its intention to acquire sole control over ILOG S.A. ("ILOG") by means of a cash tender offer to be launched for the totality of ILOG's outstanding shares. The notified transaction qualifies as an "operation of concentration" within the meaning of Article 3(l)(b) of Council Regulation (EC) No. 139/2004.

IBM is a public company organized under the laws of the State of New York active worldwide in the development, production, and marketing of a wide variety of information technology solutions, comprising software, computer systems, storage devices, microelectronics, and services, including consulting and IT infrastructure services. ILOG is a French public company predominantly active in the development and marketing of business rules management software, optimization software, and visualization software.