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COMP/M. 5448 - ABBOTT / ADVANCED MEDICAL OPTICS

SECTION 1.2

Description of the concentration

On January 19, 2009, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No. 139/2004 by which Abbott Laboratories, United States ("Abbott"), will acquire directly through a wholly-owned acquisition vehicle within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation sole control of Advanced Medical Optics, Inc., United States ("Advance Medical Optics"), by way of a public bid.

Abbott is active in health care products. Advanced Medical Optics is active in eye health care products.

The parties have requested treatment under the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EC) No. 139/2004."