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**COMP/M.5599 - AMCOR / ALCAN PACKAGING**

**SECTION 1.2**

**Description of the concentration**

- 1 On 23 October 2009, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No. 139/2004, by which Amcor Limited ("Amcor") will acquire control of the Global Tobacco Packaging, Global Pharmaceutical Packaging, Food Packaging Europe and Food Packaging Asia divisions ("Alcan Packaging") of Alcan Inc ("Alcan") from Rio Tinto plc ("Rio Tinto").
- 2 Amcor and Alcan Packaging are both active in the global packaging sector, principally in the supply of flexible and folding carton packaging:
  - (a) Flexible packaging involves the conversion of plastic and cellulose films, aluminium foils and papers which are used separately or in combination for primary and secondary packaging in a wide variety of end uses.
  - (b) Folding cartons are boxes made from carton board, or corrugated microflute board (so-called 'substrate') usually multi-layered, which is printed and/or coated, and cut into carton 'blanks' (flat non-assembled cartons) as part of an overall process known as "conversion".
- 3 These packaging products are sold globally and in the EEA to a wide range of manufacturers/producers of branded food and non food consumer products and to retailers and own-label manufacturers as well as for certain industrial applications.