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**COMP/M.5753 - DSB/FIRST/DSBFirst Väst**

**SECTION 1.2**

**Description of the concentration**

On 3 November 2010, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of the EC Merger Regulation, by which DSB (“DSB”) and FIRSTGroup plc (“FIRST”) notified the proposed enlargement of the joint venture DSBFirst Aps (“DSBFirst”) to include the operation of a rail passenger franchise from December 2010 to December 2018 in western Sweden put out for tender by Västtrafik AB, Jönköpings Länstrafik AB and Hallandstrafiken AB. The franchise was awarded to DSBFirst Väst AB (“DSBFirst Väst”) on the basis of competitive tenders.

The enlargement of DSBFirst’s activities to include the operation of the franchise constitutes a concentration.

DSB is an independent public corporation incorporated under the laws of Denmark. DSB is primarily engaged in regional and interregional railway transport in Denmark and Sweden.

FIRST is a UK based transport company with its main activities in the UK where it operates a number of rail passenger franchises.