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**COMP/M. 5863 - MERCK / MILLIPORE**

**SECTION 1.2**

**Description of the concentration**

This notification relates to the proposed acquisition of sole control of the U.S. company Millipore Corporation (“Millipore”) by the German Merck KGaA (“Merck”).

Merck is a research-driven pharmaceutical and chemical group of companies engaged in the discovery, development, production, sales and marketing of pharmaceutical and chemical products.

Millipore is a global company engaged in the development, production, and sale of life science tools and services. Life science tools and services are mainly used by pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, as well as academic institutions and (public or private) research laboratories to support their activities of life science research, drug discovery, process development, drug manufacturing and quality assurance.