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SECTION 1.2

Description of the concentration

The notified transaction comprises the acquisition of joint control of the Ionbond Group by Indigo AcqCo, a new company incorporated for the purpose of making the acquisition, which is indirectly jointly controlled by Barclays and Credit Suisse. Barclays and Credit Suisse are both global financial services providers, each operating in over 50 countries worldwide. The Ionbond Group is active in surface treatment equipment and services and has operations in 20 countries. Neither Barclays nor Credit Suisse is active in any product market in which the Ionbond Group is active or in any upstream or downstream market.