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SECTION 1.2

Description of the concentration

On 19 July 2011, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 (Merger Regulation) by which Berkshire Hathaway Inc. (Berkshire Hathaway) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of the undertaking The Lubrizol Corporation (Lubrizol) pursuant to an agreement and plan of merger.

The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for Berkshire Hathaway: diverse business activities, including property and casualty insurance and reinsurance, utilities and energy, freight rail transportation, finance, manufacturing, retailing and services; and
- for Lubrizol: a specialty chemical company which supplies technologies and produces additives, ingredients, resins and compounds for its customers' products in the global transportation, industrial and consumer markets.