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SECTION 1.2

Description of the concentration

The notification concerns the acquisition of sole control by Microsoft of Skype under the terms described in a Purchase and Sale Agreement of 9 May 2011. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are as follows:

Microsoft is primarily involved in the design, development and supply of computer software and related services. It is active in the consumer communications sector through Windows Live Messenger and in the enterprise unified communications sector with Lync.

Skype offers software products for communication over the Internet. Its software enables voice, video and text communications. Skype is not active in the enterprise unified communications sector. Its products are primarily for (and used by) consumers.