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COMP/M.6388 - ECOLAB / NALCO HOLDING COMPANY

SECTION 1.2

Description of the concentration

1. On 19 July 2011, Ecolab Inc. and Sustainability Partners Corporation, a direct, wholly-owned subsidiary of Ecolab Inc. entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger with Nalco Holding Company. Under the Agreement, Nalco will be merged with and into Sustainability Partners Corporation and the separate existence of Nalco will cease. Sustainability Partners Corporation will continue as the surviving corporation as a direct, wholly-owned subsidiary of Ecolab Inc.
2. Ecolab is a U.S. company active in the production and sale of cleaning, sanitizing, food safety and infection prevention products and services and supplies its products and services to foodservice, food and beverage processing, healthcare, and hospitality customers in more than 160 countries. In addition, Ecolab has a small presence in the supply of water treatment products and related services.
3. Nalco is a provider of water, energy, air and process services technologies with a focus on water treatment services to industrial and institutional end-customers and integrated water and process improvement services mainly in the petroleum, petrochemical and pulp and paper industry.