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COMP/M.6945 - ABB/ POWER-ONE

SECTION 1.2

Description of the concentration

By Merger Agreement, ABB Ltd, Verdi Acquisition Corporation and Power-One, Inc. agreed that ABB Ltd will acquire all the outstanding shares of Power-One, Inc.'s common stock and common stock equivalents for US\$ 6.35 per share in cash (minus any applicable exercise or conversion price). The acquisition will be structured as a merger of Verdi Acquisition Corporation, an indirectly wholly-owned subsidiary of ABB Ltd incorporated in Delaware, U.S., with and into Power-One, Inc., with Power-One, Inc. continuing as the surviving company in the merger and as an indirectly wholly-owned subsidiary of ABB Ltd.

Completion of the merger is inter alia subject to the approval of the Merger Agreement by the majority of Power-One, Inc.'s shareholders as well as receipt of EU, U.S. and further required foreign merger control clearances.

ABB Ltd is a Swiss-based company and the ultimate parent company of the ABB group of companies. ABB is a global provider of power and automation technologies that enable utility and industry customers to improve performance while limiting environmental impact.

Power-One, Inc. is a publicly listed company incorporated in the U.S. Power-One, Inc. and its group companies ("Power-One") are providers of converters for renewable energy applications (principally solar) and power supply products and network power systems, mainly for the telecommunication industry.

The concentration primarily relates to renewable energy converters for solar and wind applications.

The proposed acquisition is driven by ABB's desire to grow its renewable energy converter business, in particular its solar inverter business. The combination of ABB and Power-One fulfils this goal. It strengthens the breadth and depth of ABB's limited solar inverter offering in Europe, the U.S. and Asia and broadens ABB's wind converter offering by adding complementary converter products.