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**M.7109 - DEUTSCHE TELEKOM / GTS**

**SECTION 1.2**

**Description of the concentration**

- (1) Deutsche Telekom AG (“**DT**”) – an integrated telecommunications company headquartered in Bonn, Germany – intends to acquire sole control over GTS Central Europe (“**GTS**”) from a consortium of international private equity firms.
- (2) In the telecommunications sector, DT provides fixed and mobile telecommunications as well as internet and internet protocol television (“**IPTV**”) services to consumers mainly in Europe. In addition, DT provides telecommunications services to other carriers and internet service providers on wholesale level as well as tailor-made information and communication technology (“**ICT**”) services for large business customers on a global scale.
- (3) GTS is an infrastructure-based provider of fixed-line telecommunications services and tailor-made ICT solutions for business, carrier and government customers across Central and Eastern Europe (“**CEE**”). A primary business activity of GTS is the provision of “global telecommunications services”, a set of telecommunications services provided across national borders. The transaction involves the activities of GTS in Poland, the Czech Republic, Romania and Hungary, while the activities in Slovakia will be retained by the sellers.
- (4) The proposed acquisition is aimed at complementing DT’s existing infrastructure in various regions and metropolitan areas in CEE and will enhance DT’s ability to offer improved telecommunications services to large business customers and international carriers on a pan-European level.