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**M.7529 - MOHAWK / INTERNATIONAL FLOORING SYSTEMS**

**SECTION 1.2**

**Description of the concentration**

- (1) On 2 March 2015, Mohawk Industries, Inc. (“Mohawk”) notified a transaction whereby it intends to acquire sole control of International Flooring Systems S.A. (“IFS”) within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004.
- (2) Mohawk is a global supplier of a broad range of flooring products, including carpets, rugs, hardwood, laminate, ceramic tiles, stones and vinyl flooring. In addition, it also supplies wood-based panels as well as insulation materials. The company is headquartered in Calhoun, Georgia (US), employs around 32,100 people and has its main operations in North America, Europe and Russia. Mohawk’s activities can be divided over three segments: the Carpet segment, the Ceramic segment and the Laminate and Wood segment.
- (3) IFS, based in Luxembourg is the holding company for a group of companies active in the supply of vinyl flooring, laminate flooring and wood-based panels, in particular raw and coated MDF. IFS’ operational headquarters are located in Belgium (Avelgem). IFS is organised into four business units: sheet vinyl, luxury vinyl tiles, laminate and MDF.