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SECTION 1.2

Description of the concentration

The Commission has received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) 139/2004 by which Staples, Inc. ("Staples") would obtain sole control of Office Depot, Inc. ("Office Depot", together with Staples the "Parties").

Staples is an office products and services company that offers office supplies, technology products and services, facilities and breakroom supplies, furniture, copy and print services and a wide range of other product categories.

Office Depot is a global provider of products, services, and solutions for every workplace. Office Depot offers the latest technology, office supplies, print and document services, business services, facilities products, furniture, and school supplies.