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SECTION 1.2

Description of the concentration

- 1. CaixaBank intends to acquire, by means of a non-mandatory public bid over the totality of the shares with voting rights of Banco BPI, the sole control of this undertaking (the "Transaction").
- 2. CaixaBank is an integrated Spanish financial group with a banking business, insurance activity and investments, among others, in international banks, listed in the Spanish stock exchanges of Barcelona, Bilbao, Madrid and Valencia.
- 3. CaixaBank is part of the group of undertakings controlled by Fundación Bancaria Caixa d'Estalvis i Pensions de Barcelona ("la Caixa").
- 4. Further to controlling CaixaBank, la Caixa directly manages welfare projects, and indirectly holds shareholdings in sectors such as energy and infrastructure.
- 5. CaixaBank presence outside Spain in the banking and insurance sectors is essentially limited to representative offices (further to international branches in Poland and Morocco). It has no activity in Portugal.
- 6. La Caixa has no other banking or insurance activities except its controlling shareholding in CaixaBank.
- 7. Banco BPI is a Portuguese public company, active in the banking and insurance sector, mainly in Portugal, with several qualified shareholders, including CaixaBank. Banco BPI is currently in a no control situation (i.e., none of its shareholders are capable of exercising a decisive influence over Banco BPI, either solely or jointly). Banco BPI's presence outside Portugal is limited, and to offices essentially in countries where Portuguese emigration is present.
- 8. Apart from the existing shareholding of CaixaBank in the Target, there are no other links between the Target and the la Caixa Group.
- 9. The concentration will have no impact in the relevant insurance and banking markets, in which the Parties are effectively present.
- 10. There are no vertical links between the Parties insurance activities nor the Parties financial and insurance activities.
- 11. The Transaction will not raise any competition concerns.