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SECTION 1.2

Description of the concentration

The proposed transaction consists in the acquisition by Worldline S.A. through one of its fully-owned subsidiaries in the Netherlands (Atos group) a) of sole control over PaySquare S.E., a fully-owned subsidiary of Equens S.E. b) of a majority shareholding over Equens S.E., after the contribution into Equens S.E. against a consideration of 63.6% of the share capital of Equens S.E. of a portion of Worldline's Financial Processing & Software Licensing business line as well as the team and activities related to the processing by Worldline in Belgium of card payment merchant acquiring.

Worldline S.A., Equens S.E. and PaySquare S.E. are active in the payment services sector.