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**M. 8020 – SHERWIN-WILLIAMS / VALSPAR**

**SECTION 1.2**

**Description of the concentration**

- (1) On 19 March 2016, The Sherwin-Williams Company (“Sherwin-Williams”) agreed to acquire sole control of The Valspar Corporation (“Valspar”) within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004.
- (2) Sherwin-Williams is a publicly listed company headquartered in Cleveland, Ohio (USA) whose shares are traded on the New York Stock Exchange. Sherwin-Williams manufactures and sells paints and coatings. In the EEA, Sherwin-Williams is active through its Global Finishes Group, which supplies coatings for a number of industrial applications, and its Consumer Group, which sells decorative coatings. For more information, please see [www.sherwin.com](http://www.sherwin.com).
- (3) Valspar is a publicly listed company headquartered in Minneapolis, Minnesota (USA) whose shares are traded on the New York Stock Exchange. Valspar manufactures and sells paints and coatings. In the EEA, Valspar mainly sells industrial coatings for packaging, automotive refinish, coil and other metal applications. It also supplies decorative coatings in the EEA. For more information, please see [www.valspar.com](http://www.valspar.com).