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SECTION 1.2

Description of the concentration

- 1 Arkema Group is active worldwide in the production, distribution and sale of chemical products, organized around three business segments namely (i) coating solutions, (ii) industrial specialties and (iii) high-performance materials. High performance materials include adhesives, sealants and OCF.
- 2 Den Braven Group is active worldwide in the production, distribution and sale of adhesives, sealants, OCF and technical aerosols.
- 3 The notified transaction consists of the acquisition by Arkema B.V. (part of Arkema Group) of all the shares in Den Braven. As a result of this transaction Den Braven Group will become part of Arkema Group.
- 4 Through this transaction, Arkema wishes to develop its High Performance Materials Division and to expand that business especially in emerging countries, in particular in Asia, as a result of the geographic, technological and commercial fit between Arkema's High performance Materials Division and Den Braven. Given the recent successful integration of Bostik, Arkema has decided to seize this opportunity for consolidation in an adhesives & sealants market that is still highly fragmented. The Transaction offers significant synergies through procurement globalization, a more comprehensive product offering, and a geographic and technological fit.