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SECTION 1.2

Description of the concentration

METRO AG, indirectly via its (wholly owned) subsidiary METRO Cash&Carry International Holding BV, intends to acquire all the shares in and sole control over Colruyt France SAS from S.A. ETS FR. Colruyt.

METRO AG is the parent company of the group of companies belonging to METRO GROUP. METRO AG is the German based stock listed parent company of METRO GROUP, a group of companies active mainly in the wholesale and retail of food and non-food products and consumer electronics. METRO GROUP is active in more than 29 countries worldwide, focusing on Europe (including Russia) and Asia. The Group operates mainly through its sales lines METRO/MAKRO Cash&Carry (wholesale), MediaMarkt and Saturn (consumer electronics), and real,-SB Warenhaus (hypermarkets).

Colruyt France SAS is the parent company of a group of envisaged companies active in the wholesale of daily consumer goods to professional customers (together "the Target"). Operating under the brand Pro à Pro, the Target mainly focuses on food service delivery activities, delivering ambient, chilled and (in overseas territories) frozen products and beverages to customers all over France and French overseas territories. Based on integrated logistic platforms, the Target offers nationwide network coverage in France to serve its customers' needs, focusing mostly on institutional self-managed clients, contract caterers and independent restaurants.