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**M.8226 - TOWERBROOK CAPITAL PARTNERS / VAN DIJK EDUCATIE BEHEER**

**SECTION 1.2**

**Description of the concentration**

On 03 November 2016, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 (“**Merger Regulation**”) by which the undertaking Towerbrook Capital Partners L.P. (United States of America) (“**Towerbrook**”) would acquire, within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation, control of the whole of Van Dijk Educatie Beheer B.V. (Netherlands) (“**Van Dijk**”) by way of a purchase of securities.

The primary business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- (a) for **TowerBrook**: global private equity firm, which seeks to invest in large and middle market companies in Europe and North America, with investments in healthcare products and services, retail, luxury, financial services, consumer goods, telecommunications, media, chemicals, knowledge services, and selected industrial segments; and
- (b) for **Van Dijk**: sale and rental of textbooks and other educational resources to secondary schools and students in vocational, higher professional, and university education; sale of professional and management books to government agencies; and sale of subscription agency services to government agencies and private undertakings.