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SECTION 1.2

Description of the concentration

On 2 November 2016, Broadcom and Brocade entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger under which Broadcom will acquire sole control over Brocade. The business activities of the Parties are:

- Broadcom is a technology company organized under the laws of the Republic of Singapore with dual headquarters in the US and Singapore that designs, develops and supplies a range of semiconductor devices for customers in four business segments:

 wireless communications;
 wired infrastructure;
 enterprise storage;
 and (iv) industrial and other. Broadcom's semiconductors are used in end products such as enterprise and data center networking equipment, home connectivity equipment, set top boxes, broadband access equipment, telecommunication equipment, smartphones, data center servers and storage systems, factory automation equipment, power generation and alternative energy systems, and electronic displays.
- Brocade is a US-based technology company that supplies networking hardware, software, and services for use in communications and data center infrastructures and applications, including (i) Fibre Channel Storage Area Networking products, such as directors, fixed switches and embedded switches, as well as network management and monitoring capabilities; (ii) IP Networking products such as IP routers, Ethernet switches, network security, analytics and monitoring, as well as products used to manage application delivery.