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SECTION 1.2

Description of the concentration

The proposed concentration concerns the acquisition of sole control by ABB Ltd (the “*Acquirer*”) of Bernecker + Rainer Industrie-Elektronik Gesellschaft m.b.H. and its wholly and partly owned subsidiaries (the “*Target*”), within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the EUMR. The proposed concentration will ultimately be effected through means of a share purchase whereby the Acquirer will indirectly acquire the entire share capital of Bernecker + Rainer Industrie-Elektronik Gesellschaft m.b.H..

The Acquirer is a Swiss-based company and the ultimate parent company of the ABB group of companies (together with its group companies “*ABB*”). ABB’s business is comprised of four divisions: electrification products, robotics and motion, industrial automation and power grids, serving customers in utilities, industry and transport & infrastructure globally.

The Target is a mid-sized provider of solutions for machine and factory automation, with a particular focus on motion control products.

The proposed concentration concerns the automation and control industry and, in particular, relates to motion control systems and to the individual products that form part of such systems. It is highly complementary and is driven by ABB’s desire to expand its offering and presence in the area of automation and control, in particular in discrete automation.