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SECTION 1.2

Description of the concentration

Smithfield Foods, Inc. ("Smithfield") acquires within the meaning of article 3 (1) (b) of the Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 of 20 January 2004 on the control of concentrations between undertakings control over Pini Polonia Sp. z o.o. ("Pini Polonia"), by way of purchase of shares.

Smithfield is a US-based indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of WH Group Limited, a Cayman Islands limited company whose shares are publicly traded on the Hong Kong Exchange. Headquartered in Smithfield, Virginia (USA), Smithfield is primarily engaged in hog production, hog slaughtering and the processing and distribution of packaged meats and fresh pork through its subsidiaries and affiliates in the United States, Mexico, Poland, Romania and the United Kingdom. Pini Polonia is a Polish company operating a single pork slaughterhouse located in Kutno, Poland.

Pini Polonia is controlled by Mr. Piero Pini, an Italian citizen. Pini Polonia slaughters hogs and supplies pork meat to retail and to further processing plants.