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SECTION 1.2

Description of the concentration

On 22 May 2018, The Blackstone Group L.P. (“Blackstone”) notified its intention to acquire indirect sole control of Cirsa Gaming Corporation S.A. (“Cirsa”) within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the EUMR by way of an acquisition of shares.

The areas of activities of the undertakings concerned by the notified concentration are as follows:

(i) Blackstone is a global alternative asset manager. It is headquartered in the United States and has offices in Europe and Asia. Blackstone is listed on the New York Stock Exchange.

(ii) Cirsa is a global gaming company registered in Spain. Its activities include the operation of casinos, bingo, slot machines, and sports betting services, as well as the design, manufacture, and distribution of slot machines in Europe, Morocco, and Latin America.