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M.9059 - CVC / MESSER GROUP / DIVESTMENT BUSINESS

SECTION 1.2

Description of the concentration

1. On 14 September 2018, the European Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of the EUMR by which Messer Group GmbH (*Messer, Germany*) and CVC Capital Partners SICAV-FIS S.A. (*CVC, Luxembourg*) will acquire, through a newly created joint venture company, Messer Industries GmbH, indirect joint control within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the EUMR of the America assets to be divested by Linde/Praxair (the *Divestment Business, America*) by way of purchase of shares.
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
 - for CVC: provision of advice to and management of investment funds and platforms. Portfolio companies held by the investment funds and platforms managed by the CVC Network are active in various industries including chemicals, utilities, manufacturing, retailing and distribution, primarily in Europe, the US, and the Asia-Pacific region;
 - for Messer: industrial gases and related businesses as well as services related to those products;
 - for the Divestment Business: industrial gases and related businesses as well as services related to those products in North & South America.