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SECTION 1.2

Description of the concentration

- (1) The transaction consists in the acquisition of joint control by CEP IV Daisy S.à r.l., a company controlled by Carlyle European Partners IV, a fund managed by affiliates of The Carlyle Group ("Carlyle"), over B&B Italia S.p.A. ("B&B Italia"), Flos S.p.A., ("Flos"), and Louis Poulsen A/S ("Louis Poulsen") (together the "Targets") (the "Transaction"). The Targets are currently solely controlled for EUMR purposes by investment subsidiaries of Investindustrial V L.P. and Investindustrial VI L.P. (as applicable), both funds managed by an affiliate of the Investindustrial group ("Investindustrial"). Investment subsidiaries of Investindustrial will retain joint control alongside Carlyle following the implementation of the Transaction.
 - Carlyle is a global alternative asset manager, which manages funds that invest globally across four investment disciplines: (i) Corporate Private Equity; (ii) Real Assets; (iii) Global Credit; and (iv) Solutions.
 - Investindustrial is a European group of independently managed investment, holding and financial advisory companies. Investindustrial invests predominantly in medium-sized companies active in industry sectors such as industrial manufacturing; consumer, retail and leisure; and business services.
 - B&B Italia manufactures and sells designer furniture, focusing on indoor and outdoor furniture for residential applications.
 - Flos and Louis Poulsen manufacture and sell designer lighting solutions for consumer and professional use.