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SECTION 1.2

Description of the concentration

- 1. The proposed transaction concerns the acquisition of sole control by Alpha Flight Group Limited (*Alpha*) over Alpha LSG Limited (*ALSG*) by way of purchase of shares. ALSG is a joint venture between Alpha and LSG/Sky Chefs Europe Holdings Limited (*LSG*) combining these two companies' activities in in-flight catering services in the UK. Alpha is a wholly-owned subsidiary of dnata which is the air services provider of the Emirates Group. ALSG and LSG's seat of registration is England.
- 2. Currently, Alpha and LSG are equal partners in ALSG, with each holding 50% in the joint venture. On 29 November 2019, Alpha entered into a binding share purchase agreement with LSG to purchase the 50% of the issued share capital of ALSG held by LSG. The agreement is conditional only upon competition clearance from the European Commission.
- 3. Alpha is engaged in providing in-flight catering services to a number of international airlines and has a presence in eleven countries in the Middle East, the USA, Australia and Europe, and through ALSG at 17 airports in the United Kingdom. Alpha's seat of registration is England.
- 4. Alpha is wholly owned by dnata. Dnata is engaged in the provision of airline services, including passenger handling, cargo handling, ramp, maintenance and other technical services for airlines in a number of countries worldwide. Dnata also acts as general sales agent for a number of airlines in the UAE. Dnata is a Dubai decree corporation with its head office in Dubai, United Arab Emirates and ultimately controlled by the Government of Dubai.
- 5. Alpha, through ALSG, provides air services to Emirates airline. Emirates is a sister company of dnata. Emirates is one of the world's leading airlines with its hub in Dubai. Emirates is a Dubai decree corporation with its head office in Dubai, United Arab Emirates and ultimately controlled by the Government of Dubai. It serves eight UK airports: Birmingham, Edinburgh, Glasgow International, London Gatwick, London Heathrow, London Stansted, Manchester and Newcastle. Emirates' seat of registration is United Arab Emirates.