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SECTION 1.2

Description of the concentration

The notified concentration concerns the proposed acquisition by funds managed by Thoma Bravo, L.P. (“**Thoma Bravo**”) and funds managed by Madison Dearborn Partners, LLC (“**MDP**”) of indirect joint control of Axiom Software (“**Axiom Software**”), within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the EU Merger Regulation.

Thoma Bravo is a private equity investment firm providing equity and strategic support to experienced management teams and growing companies. The firm works in close partnership with a company’s management team to implement operating best practices and invest in growth initiatives to improve revenue and earnings and increase equity value.

MDP, based in Chicago, Illinois, is a leading private equity investment firm. MDP has five dedicated teams that have long and successful track records of investing in their respective sectors: Basic Industries; Business & Government Software and Services; Financial & Transaction Services; Health Care; and Telecom, Media & Technology. MDP believes that its in-depth industry knowledge and investment experience leads to extensive insight and distinctive expertise in building companies and helping them grow.

Axiom Software provides enterprise performance management software to customers active in the healthcare, financial institutions and higher education sectors.