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M.10038 - ALLIED UNIVERSAL TOPCO / G4S

SECTION 1.2

Description of the concentration

On 9 December 2020, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 (the “EUMR”). The proposed transaction involves the acquisition of sole control (within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) EUMR) by Allied Universal Topco LLC (“Allied Universal”) of G4S plc (“G4S”).

Allied Universal is a security services and facilities management company headquartered in Santa Ana, California, United States. Allied Universal provides: (i) integrated security solutions incorporating manned guarding and security technologies, (ii) cleaning and maintenance services, (iii) risk advisory and consulting services, and (iv) temporary and permanent staffing solutions, to customers across a variety of business sectors. Allied Universal is active in the United States, and to a lesser extent, in Canada, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, and the United Kingdom.

Allied Universal is an existing full-function joint venture, jointly controlled by affiliates of Warburg Pincus LLC, a global private equity firm headquartered in New York, United States, and Caisse de Dépôt et Placement du Québec, a Canadian institutional investor with principal place of business in Montréal, Canada.

G4S is a global provider of security solutions, headquartered in London, United Kingdom. It is a publicly owned company listed on the London and Copenhagen Stock Exchanges. G4S has operations in more than 85 countries, covering a range of security services, including guarding, integrated security solutions, custodial and detention services, immigration, and policing, as well as a broad range of other services, such as health services, crisis planning, facilities management, employment services, and cash solutions.

The Proposed Transaction will be effected through a public offer for, or scheme of arrangement to acquire, the entire issued and to be issued share capital of G4S.