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M.9686 - MITSUI / BELCHIM CROP PROTECTION

SECTION 1.2

Description of the concentration

The transaction involves the acquisition of sole control over Belchim Crop Protection NV (*Belchim*) by Mitsui & CO Ltd (*Mitsui*) through its wholly owned subsidiary Mitsui AgriScience International SA NV (*MASI*).

Mitsui is a Japanese trading house engaged in a number of worldwide commodity trade and other businesses, including the sale, distribution, purchase, marketing and supply of products in business areas such as: iron and steel; non-ferrous metals; machinery; electronics; chemicals; energy-related commodities; logistics; and investing in infrastructure projects.

Belchim is a Belgian company active in the development and commercialisation of agricultural products in the European crop protection market.

The primary rationale of the Proposed Transaction for Mitsui is to expand its European distribution of agro-chemical products through MASI.