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## **SECTION 1.2**

## **Description of the concentration**

On 25 May 2021, International Consolidated Airlines Group, S.A. ("IAG") notified to the Commission the proposed acquisition, by means of a purchase of shares, of certain subsidiaries of Globalia Corporación Empresarial, S.A. (through its subsidiary Air Europa Holding S.L.) ("Globalia"):

- (i) Air Europa Líneas Aéreas, S.A.U.;
- (ii) Aeronova S.L.U.; and
- (iii) León Activos Aeronáuticos, S.L.U.1
  - ((i) to (iii) together, "Air Europa").

IAG is the holding company of each of British Airways Plc ("British Airways" or "BA"), Iberia Líneas Aéreas de España, S.A. Operadora ("Iberia" or "IB"), Vueling Airlines, S.A. ("Vueling" or "VY"), Aer Lingus Limited ("AL" or "Aer Lingus"), and LEVEL S.L. ("LVL") (BA, IB, VY, AL, LVL together, the "IAG Airlines"). IAG has its registered office in Madrid and its operational headquarters in London.

Globalia is a Spanish family-owned tourism group headquartered in Llucmajor (Majorca).

Both IAG and Air Europa are active in the supply of:

- (i) air transport for passengers; and
- (ii) air transport for cargo.

IAG is also active in the supply of the following, where Air Europa is a purchaser:

- (i) airport ground handling services;
- (ii) MRO services;
- (iii) landside cargo services; and
- (iv) flight simulation training services.

With respect to IAG, BA has its main hub at London Heathrow ("LHR") and also operates bases at London Gatwick ("LGW") and London City ("LCY"). IB's main hub is at Madrid Barajas ("MAD"). Vueling's principal bases are at Barcelona El Prat ("BCN"), Rome Fiumicino ("FCO"), and Paris Orly Airport ("ORY"). VY also has a number of smaller aircraft bases at other Spanish cities, depending on the season. It rotates/overnights aircraft at a number of other airports in Europe. Aer Lingus' main base is at Dublin Airport ("DUB") with operational bases at Belfast City ("BHD"), Cork ("ORK"), Shannon ("SNN") and LGW. Both BA and IB are members of the **one**world alliance. Neither Vueling nor Aer Lingus are members of the **one**world alliance.

Air Europa serves primarily destinations in Europe and South America. Air Europa's main base is at MAD with operational bases at Malaga ("AGP"), BCN, Gran Canaria Airport ("LPA"), Palma de Mallorca Airport ("PMI") and Tenerife ("TCI"). Air Europa is a member of the SkyTeam alliance.

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