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M.10403 - SHV/ACTA

SECTION 1.2

Description of the concentration

On 9 August 2021, the European Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004, by which SHV Holdings N.V. ("**SHV**") will acquire sole control over ACTA* Holding B.V. ("**ACTA**") (and all its subsidiaries). To date, SHV already has joint control over ACTA. The transaction will be concluded through the acquisition of all issued and outstanding shares in the capital of ACTA by a company that was incorporated for this purpose, Castoro Holding B.V. ("**NewCo**"). SHV has indirect sole control over NewCo.

SHV is an investment company active in energy distribution (SHV Energy), cash-and-carry wholesale (Makro), heavy lifting and transport activities (Mammoet), industrial services (ERIKS), animal nutrition and aquafeed (Nutreco), exploration, development and production of oil and gas (ONE-Dyas) and providing private equity (NPM Capital). SHV, which is active globally, employs more than 51,000 people and is present in 64 countries. SHV's portfolio companies have offices across all continents. The country of origin of SHV is the Netherlands (registered office is in Bonaire).

ACTA is the parent holding company of Kiwa, an international quality accreditation organization that specializes in testing, inspection and certification services. The company also provides training, consultancy and data services. Its clients span a wide range of sectors, including: water, construction, energy, automotive & transport, feed & food, agribusiness, infrastructure, safety and security, healthcare, sustainability and the environment. Kiwa, which is active globally, employs over 5,500 people in 35 countries, mainly in Europe, Asia and Latin America. Most offices are in Europe (including Benelux, Scandinavia, Italy, UK and Germany), but ACTA is also present in, amongst others, Ecuador, Brazil, Peru, Taiwan, China, South Korea and Australia. The country of origin of ACTA is the Netherlands (registered office is in Amsterdam).