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SECTION 1.2

Description of the concentration

On 22 June 2022, the European Commission received a notification concerning the acquisition of sole control of VOO SA ("VOO") and the Telecommunications, Media and Technology ("TMT") business of Brutélé SC ("Brutélé") by Orange S.A. ("Orange").

Following the transaction, Orange will indirectly hold 75% minus one share of VOO's issued share capital, itself owning the TMT business of Brutélé.

Orange is a French global telecommunications operator, active in Belgium primarily through Orange Belgium S.A. ("OBE") and marginally through other subsidiaries (Orange Business Belgium, Business & Decision, Orange Cyberdefense and Orange Bank via its subsidiary Anytime (all these entities referred as "Orange Group Belgium")). Orange Group Belgium primarily offers mobile telecommunications services based on its own mobile network. To a much lesser extent, Orange Group Belgium provides fixed telecommunications services based on third party fixed networks.

VOO is a cable operator mainly active in the Walloon Region. VOO primarily provides fixed telecommunications services through its own cable network and, to a very limited degree, mobile telecommunications services based on third party mobile networks.

Brutélé is a cable operator mainly active in the Brussels-Capital Region and in certain municipalities in the Walloon Region (essentially around the city of Charleroi in the province of Hainaut, in the province of Namur and in the Walloon Brabant province). Brutélé provides fixed telecommunications services through its own cable network