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SECTION 1.2

Description of the concentration

The European Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 3(1)(b) and (4) of the EU Merger Regulation No 139/2004 by which Messer SE & Co. KGaA (Germany) (“Messer”) and Toyota Tsusho Europe SA (Belgium) (“Toyota Tsusho Europe”), a subsidiary of Toyota Tsusho Corporation (Japan), acquire joint control of a newly established full-function joint venture (“the JV”)(Germany).

Messer is a producer of industrial gases, speciality gases, medical gases and gas mixtures.

Toyota Tsusho Europe is a wholly owned subsidiary of Toyota Tsusho Corporation, a trading company operating globally in the metals, parts and logistics, automotive, machinery, energy and projects, chemicals and electronics, and food and consumer services sectors.

The new JV will offer a one-stop-shop service to fleet operators, which will comprise the provision of hydrogen mobility vehicles (e.g. fuel-cell buses), maintenance and fleet management services as well as an on-site production and supply of green hydrogen. The new JV will mainly focus on projects in Europe.