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M.11390 – RHEINMETALL / KNDS / UAB LITHUANIA DEFENSE SERVICES JV

SECTION 4

Description of the concentration

This notification concerns the following undertakings:

Rheinmetall Landsysteme GmbH ("**RLS**"), controlled by Rheinmetall AG ("**Rheinmetall**"), both Germany

Krauss-Maffei Wegmann GmbH & Co. KG ("**KMW**"), Germany, controlled by KNDS N.V. ("**KNDS**"), the Netherlands, jointly controlled by Wegmann & Co GmbH, Germany, and GIAT Industries S.A., France

UAB Lithuania Defense Services ("**LDS**"), Lithuania, controlled by RLS and KMW

In 2022, RLS and KMW established LDS, a newly established non full-function joint venture which mainly provides its services to its parent companies. It is now intended to widen LDS' activities and, thus, transform it to a full-function joint venture within the meaning of Article 3(4) of the Merger Regulation.

The concentration is accomplished by way of the creation of a full-function joint venture.

The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- a. for RLS: RLS is active in the development, manufacture, repair, sales and order and service handling of military tracked and wheeled vehicles, tower systems and NBC reconnaissance systems. RLS is wholly-owned by Rheinmetall, which is active in the manufacturing and supply of defence equipment and automotive components.
- b. for KMW: KMW is active in the development, manufacture and support of a product portfolio ranging from highly protected wheeled vehicles through anti-aircraft and artillery systems to main battle tanks, infantry fighting vehicles and bridgelaying systems. KMW is part of KNDS, a Franco-German association in the land defence sector.
- c. for LDS: LDS is active in the provision of after-sales services for military tracked and wheeled vehicles mainly in the Baltics and Poland.