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## **SECTION 4**

## **Description of the concentration**

- 1. The notification concerns the following undertakings:
  - 1.1. Global Payments Inc ("Global Payments"), a company incorporated and organised under the law of the State of Georgia, USA, and publicly traded on the New York Stock Exchange.
  - 1.2. EVO Payments International GmbH ("EVOG"), a limited liability company incorporated under the laws of Germany, and an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Global Payments.
  - 1.3. Commerzbank AG ("Commerzbank"), a stock corporation incorporated and organized under the laws of the Germany, and publicly traded on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange.
- 2. Commerzbank and Global Payments (indirectly, via EVOG) will acquire, within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) and 3(4) of the Merger Regulation, joint control of GP Acquiring Germany GmbH ("JV Newco"), a limited liability company incorporated under the laws of Germany.
- 3. The concentration is accomplished by way of transfer of assets and purchase of shares in a newly created company constituting a joint venture. As a result of the concentration, EVOG will hold a 51% interest and Commerzbank a 49% interest in JV Newco.
- 4. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
  - 4.1. for Commerzbank: provision of banking and financial services in the EEA, and globally.
  - 4.2. for Global Payments and EVOG: provision of card payment processing services, and merchant acquiring services in the EEA, and also globally.
  - 4.3. for JV Newco: provision of merchant acquiring services in Germany.