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CCC Merger Inquiry Notice No. 9 of 2026

Notice of Inquiry into the Proposed Acquisition of Joint Control over Hologic, Inc., by funds managed and advised by affiliates of each of Blackstone Inc. and TPG Inc., through Hopper Parent Inc.

It is hereby notified in terms of Article 26(6) of the COMESA Competition Regulations (the “**Regulations**”) that the COMESA Competition Commission (the “**Commission**”), after receiving a notification in terms of Article 24 of the Regulations regarding the proposed acquisition of joint control over Hologic, Inc. (“**Hologic**”, together with its controlled affiliates, the “**Target Undertaking**”) by funds managed and advised by affiliates of each of Blackstone Inc. (“**Blackstone**”) and TPG Inc. (“**TPG**”), through a newly established special purpose vehicle, Hopper Parent Inc. (“**Hopper Parent**”, or the “**Acquiring Undertaking**”), intends to embark on an inquiry in terms of Article 26 of the Regulations.

The parties submitted that Blackstone is a global alternative asset manager, headquartered in the United States of America (USA), with offices in Europe and Asia and is listed on the New York Stock Exchange. The parties further submitted that the portfolio companies controlled by funds advised and/or managed by affiliates of Blackstone are active in different sectors, including research, education, application software development, digital content development, event organizing, consultancy and engineering services etc. Within the Common Market, Blackstone operates in all Member States.

The parties submitted that TPG is a global alternative asset management firm. The parties further submitted that TPG, headquartered in Fort Worth, Texas, in the USA, is listed on the NASDAQ Global Select Market. TPG consists of six multi-product platforms: Capital, Growth, Impact, Real Estate, Market Solutions and TPG Angelo Gordon. The parties also submitted that TPG combines deep product and sector experience with broad capabilities and expertise to develop differentiated insights and add value for its fund investors, portfolio companies, management teams and communities. Within the Common Market, TPG operates in all Member States.

The parties submitted that Hologic is headquartered in Marlborough, Massachusetts and develops, manufactures, and supplies premium diagnostics products, medical imaging systems and surgical products primarily focused on women’s health and well-being through early detection and treatment. Hologic’s products are used in clinical laboratories, and by healthcare providers and surgeons in both hospitals and office settings. Within the Common Market, Hologic operates in Egypt, Eswatini, Kenya, Libya, Malawi, Mauritius, Tunisia, Uganda, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.

The Commission will, in accordance with the provisions of the Regulations, determine, among other things, whether the proposed transaction is likely to substantially prevent or lessen competition or would be contrary to the public interest as provided for under Article 26 of the Regulations.

In view of this, the Commission hereby gives notice to all interested stakeholders, including competitors, suppliers and customers of the parties to the proposed transaction to submit written representations to the Commission with regard to the subject matter of the proposed inquiry by emailing them to: mdebessay@comesacompetition.org. All written representations should be sent to the Commission not later than **26 March 2026**.

If you wish to seek further details and/or clarifications on any aspect of this proposed transaction or need assistance you may get in touch with **Mr. Mengistu Debessay, Principal Analyst, Competition Division** on Tel: +265 (0) 111 772 466 or mdebessay@comesacompetition.org.

All written representations submitted to the Commission will be treated with the strictest confidentiality and will only be used for the purpose of this inquiry.