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WOOLWORTHS LIMITED - THIRD LINE FORCING NOTIFICATION - N90959

Please see attached letter.

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Dear Mr Grimwade

WOOLWORTHS LIMITED - THIRD LINE FORCING NOTIFICATION -- N90959

We refer to our letter dated 2 December 2002 in relation to the interim arrangements between Woolworths Limited (Woolworths) and Caltex Australia Limited (Interim Arrangements).

We note that Woolworths' existing Woolworths Petrol sites (Woolworths Petrol Existing Sites) are not part of the Interim Arrangements. There will be no change to the operation or branding of the Woolworths Petrol Existing Sites under the Interim Arrangements.

Woolworths is the retail supplier of motor fuel at Woolworths Petrol Existing Sites. In the vast majority of cases, Woolworths is also the retail supplier of the goods that customers may buy from Woolworths supermarkets or BIG W stores in order to be eligible for a redemption discount on their fuel purchases at the Woolworths Petrol Existing Sites. In these cases, there is no reliance upon any third line forcing notification.

However, for historical reasons, there are still some areas in which certain Woolworths products that customers may purchase in order to be eligible for a redemption discount on their fuel purchases at the Woolworths Petrol Existing Sites may be supplied by Woolworths group

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companies other than Woolworths – namely Australian Safeway Stores Pty Limited, Woolworths (Victoria) Pty Limited, Woolworths (Q'land) Pty Limited and Woolworths (South Australia) Pty Limited. In these circumstances, to the extent that it may be necessary, Woolworths relies upon the existing third line forcing notification lodged by Woolworths (N90959).

Yours sincerely

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