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Dear Ms Bodger

**Re: Third line forcing notification No. N40725
lodged by H&R Block Limited**

I refer to the above third line forcing notifications lodged by H&R Block Limited (H&R Block) with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the Commission) on 17 June 2004.

This notification details an arrangement whereby H&R Block proposes to give or allow to give or allow a discount, allowance, rebate, or credit in relation to H&R Block Products on the condition that the customer also acquires or has acquired one or more GE Capital Finance Products from GE Capital Finance. Legal immunity provided by the notification came into force on 1 July 2004.

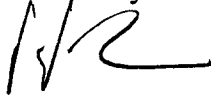
On the basis of the information that you have provided, it is not intended that further action be taken in this matter at this stage.

As with any notification, please note that the Commission may act to remove the immunity afforded by this notification at a later stage if it is satisfied that the likely benefit to the public from the conduct will not outweigh the likely detriment to the public from the conduct.



This letter has been placed on the Commission's public register. In addition as the notification details conduct relating to financial services, a copy has been provided to the Australian Securities and Investments Commission for its information. If you wish to discuss any aspect of this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Joanne Palisi on 02 6243 1051.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'P. Palisi', written over the typed name.

Paul Palisi
A/g General Manager
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