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BT Securities Limited
c/- Patricia Anne Henry
Partner, Mallesons Stephen Jaques
Level 60 Governor Phillip Tower
1 Farrer Place
Sydney NSW 2000

Dear Ms Henry

**Re: Third line forcing notification No. N31367,
lodged by BT Securities Limited**

I refer to the above third line forcing notification lodged by BT Securities Limited (BTS) with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) on 17 March 2005. The notification has been placed on the ACCC's public register.

BTS has described the conduct as follows:

BTS proposes to offer its existing margin lending customers a discounted interest rate (currently 8.20% per annum although, as a variable rate, this will change from time to time) on their margin lending online loan if those customers open an account with Westpac Broking. The discount is a 0.20% reduction from the standard BT Margin Loan interest rate.

BTS also proposes that those margin lending customers who open an account with Westpac Broking and:

- (a) whose loan balance is between \$20,000 and \$250,000 will receive five free transactions per month on their BT Margin Lending account (a transaction fee of \$5 per trade would otherwise apply);
- (b) whose loan balance is below \$250,000 and who open a Westpac Broking account before 25 April 2005 will not pay any BTS transaction fees on their BT Margin Lending Account until 1 May 2005 (a transaction fee of \$5 per trade would otherwise apply); and



(c) whose loan balance is over \$250,000 will not pay transaction fees on their BTS Margin Lending account.

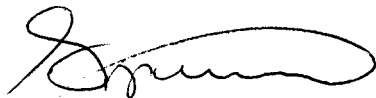
Legal immunity conferred by the notification commenced on 31 March 2005.

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 ACCC 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 ACCC'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 Michael Green on 03 9290 1960.

Yours sincerely



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