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Ms Elisabeth Ritchie  
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Dear Ms Ritchie

**Re: Exclusive Dealing Notification No. N31385 lodged by Bolmac Pty Ltd**

I refer to the above notification lodged with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) on 11 May 2005.

You have described the conduct as the requirement for franchisees to purchase certain types of office machines including, but not limited to, photocopiers, printers and fax machines and related accessories from nominated suppliers.

Legal immunity provided by the notification will commence on 25 May 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.

In addition, I would like to bring to your attention the requirement under the Franchising Code of Conduct for a franchisor to disclose in the Franchise Disclosure Document any rebate or financial benefit received from the supply of goods or services to franchisees.



This letter has been placed on the ACCC's public register. If you wish to discuss any aspect of this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Jason Byrne on (02) 6243 1279.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Scott Gregson', with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Scott Gregson  
A/g General Manager  
Adjudication Branch