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Dear Mr Ottley

**Confidentiality: Third Line Forcing Notifications Lodged by Hallas Trading Co Pty Ltd and Hallas Franchising Co Pty Ltd ( the Hallas companies) on 14 March 2006**

The Australian Competition & Consumer Commission ("the ACCC") has received your letter, dated 21 April 2006, which provided additional information relating to the cost of implementing the Shortcuts Salon & Spa Point of Sale Information Management System (Shortcuts) in future Ella Baché franchises. I understand that the Hallas companies will also expect existing Ella Baché franchisees and distributors to install Shortcuts when they upgrade existing point of sale information management systems.

I note that the Hallas companies wish to claim confidentiality in respect of the information in the letter relating to the price of installing Shortcuts.

I consider sufficient public information has been provided to enable a proper assessment of the notification. Therefore, as a person authorised to exclude documents from the public register for and on behalf of the ACCC, I propose to exclude this pricing information from the public register and the ACCC's website at this stage.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Tim Scott on 02 6243 1221. A copy of this letter will be placed on the public register and made available on the ACCC's website at: [www.accc.gov.au](http://www.accc.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

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