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Dear Ms Manger

Paint Australia Group Pty Ltd - Notification N50183

I refer to the above third line forcing notification lodged by Paint Australia Group Pty Ltd (Paint Australia) with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) on 23 June 2006. The notification has been placed on the ACCC's public register.

The notification refers to conduct whereby: Paint Place stores are required by Paint Australia to obtain 85% of their decorating and architectural paint products from preferred suppliers and as part of that 85%, Paint Place stores must stock a minimum of 90% of Paint Australia's largest private label (the "New Look" range) paints and 50% of other private label paint products.

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

Legal immunity conferred by the notification came into force on 8 July 2006.

As with any notification, the ACCC may act to remove the immunity afforded by the 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.

A copy of 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 Liam Stewart on (02) 6243 1275.

Yours sincerely

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Adjudication Branch

