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By Email

Dear Sir/Madam

**Office Choice Limited, Office National Limited and Office Products Depot Limited
application for authorisation A91058 - final determination**

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has issued a determination in respect of the application for authorisation lodged by Office Choice Limited, Office National Limited and Office Products Depot Limited (the Office Group) on 12 July 2007.

The Office Group sought authorisation to collectively negotiate, and/or appoint a representative to negotiate on their behalf, the terms and conditions on which office products are sold by suppliers to them and to their present and future franchisees and members.

A copy of the ACCC's determination is attached, including a summary of its reasons. For the reasons set out in its determination, the ACCC has decided to grant authorisation for six years. The ACCC's assessment is set out in Chapter 5 of its determination.

Application for review

Pursuant to section 101 of the *Trade Practices Act 1974*, a person dissatisfied with this determination may apply to the Australian Competition Tribunal for its review. An application for review must be made within 21 days of the date of this determination; that is, on or before 11 October 2007. If no application to review is lodged by this date, the ACCC's determination will come into force on 12 October 2007.

An application for review of the ACCC's determination should be lodged directly with the Australian Competition Tribunal. The Australian Competition Tribunal is a separate body from the ACCC and is located within the Federal Court of Australia.

For further information about the process involved in reviewing decisions in the Australian Competition Tribunal please refer to the tribunal's website located at <http://www.competitiontribunal.gov.au/>.

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 Gina D'Ettorre on 03 9290 1483.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'GJ' or similar initials, written in a cursive style.

Gavin Jones
Director
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