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By email

Dear Sir/Madam

**Collective Bargaining Notifications CB00009 – CB00056 lodged by BFC Stores Pty Ltd  
- Assessment**

I refer to the above collective bargaining notifications lodged with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) on 7 October 2008. The notifications have been placed on the ACCC's public register.

Under the notifications, BFC Stores Pty Ltd (BFC), on behalf of its BFC owned stores and franchisee owned stores, sought to collectively negotiate the price at which the stores could acquire paint and related accessory products from 48 suppliers.

You may recall that the ACCC sought interested party comment on the notifications.

On the information available, the ACCC does not object to the notifications. A copy of a document setting out the ACCC's assessment of the notifications is attached.

Protection afforded by notifications CB00009 – CB00056 will commence on 4 November 2008 and will cease three years from the date of lodgement (7 October 2011). As with any notification, the ACCC may review the notifications at a later stage should concerns arise.

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 Lauren Roy on (02) 6243 4940.

Yours sincerely

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Adjudication