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Dear Mr van Rompaey

**Collective bargaining notifications lodged by BFC Stores Pty Ltd on behalf of its BFC owned stores and its prospective franchisee owned stores – interested party consultation**

I refer to the above collective bargaining notifications lodged with the Australian Competition & Consumer Commission (ACCC) by BFC Stores Pty Ltd on 7 October 2008. BFC proposes to negotiate, on behalf of its BFC owned stores and its prospective franchisee owned stores, with 48 targets in relation to the price at which the stores can purchase products for on-supply to Australian consumers.

The purpose of this letter is to notify you of the ACCC's consultation with interested parties regarding the notifications.

Please find **attached** a copy of the letter that was sent to interested parties, together with a summary of the collective bargaining notification process. Other documents concerning the notifications will be made available on the public registers section of the ACCC's website: <http://www.accc.gov.au>.

Submissions, including oral comments, will be placed on the ACCC's public register, subject to any request for exclusion. The guidelines for excluding information from the public register are **attached**.

Absent ACCC objection, legal immunity conferred by the notifications will commence on Tuesday, 4 November 2008.

## Timetable

The ACCC will progress its assessment of the notifications in a timely manner. An indicative timetable is set out below for your information.

<b>7 October 2008</b>	Lodgement of notifications
<b>8 October 2008</b>	Public consultation process begins
<b>15 October 2008</b>	Closing date for submissions on the notifications
<b>22 October 2008</b>	Notifying party responds to issues raised in the public consultation process
<b>4 November 2008</b>	Absent ACCC objection, legal immunity afforded by the collective bargaining notifications comes into effect.

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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Director  
Adjudication Branch