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QUOTE REFERENCE NUMBER

19 November 2008

Australian Competition and Consumer Commission
Mr Gavin Jones
GPO Box 520
Melbourne VIC 3001

Dear Mr Jones,

**Re: Australasian College of Cosmetic Surgery application for authorisation A91106 –
Interested party consultation**

I refer to your letter dated 14 November 2008 inviting comment on the application for authorisation from the Australasian College of Cosmetic Surgery (ACCS).

The Australian Medical Council (AMC) is responsible for, among other core functions, advising the Commonwealth Health Minister in relation to the recognition of new medical specialties in Australia. The Commonwealth Health Minister then makes the final decision in relation to the recognition of new medical specialties. The AMC is also the accrediting body for providers of specialist medical training within Australia.

I can confirm that the ACCS has submitted an initial application to the AMC for the area of Cosmetic Medical Practice to be recognised as a specialty. This application is in the early stages and it is not possible to comment on the possible outcomes of the application made by the ACCS at this stage.

I wish to advise you that Cosmetic Surgery (or Cosmetic Medical Practice) is not a recognised specialty within Australia.

I also wish to advise you that the ACCS is not an AMC accredited provider of specialist training, or assessor of overseas trained specialists, within Australia.

In these circumstances, the AMC would assume that the application for authorisation is being made by the ACCS in its capacity as either a company or other private enterprise. The AMC therefore does not consider that, at this time, it would be in a position to make comment on the application because of the application before it for specialty recognition.

I would be pleased to answer any queries you may have in relation to the specialist recognition and specialist accreditation functions of the AMC.

Yours sincerely

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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