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Dear Sir/Madam

National Asset Pty Ltd ACN 118 296 209 **Exclusive Dealing Notification (Third Line Forcing)** 

We act for National Asset Pty Ltd and its project manager, Satterley Property Group Pty Ltd.

#### Please find enclosed:

- 1. Form G Notification; and
- 2. a cheque for \$100.00 made payable to Australian Competition and Consumer Commission in payment of the lodgement fee.

Please note that this Notification will have the effect of replacing Notification N95348.

The new Notification indicates that no persons have presently been affected by the proposed conduct. For your information, 70 lots were ultimately affected by Notification N95348.

If you have any questions, please contact the writer.

Yours faithfully

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for GADENS LAWYERS

# Form G

Commonwealth of Australia
Competition and Consumer Act 2010 — subsection 93 (1)

## NOTIFICATION OF EXCLUSIVE DEALING

To the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission:

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with subsection 93 (1) of the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010*, of particulars of conduct or of proposed conduct of a kind referred to subsections 47 (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8) or (9) of that Act in which the person giving notice engages or proposes to engage.

PLEASE FOLLOW DIRECTIONS ON BACK OF THIS FORM

# 1. Applicant

(a) Name of person giving notice:

(Refer to direction 2)

N96045

National Asset Pty Ltd ACN 118 296 209 18 Bowman Street SOUTH PERTH WA 6151

(b) Short description of business carried on by that person: (Refer to direction 3)

The Applicant is the registered proprietor of the land presently known as 760 Bridge Inn Road, 790 Bridge Inn Road and 61B Orchard Road, Doreen (collectively, the **Site**), which the Applicant is developing as a residential housing estate, and marketing and selling lots of residential land therein for that purpose.

(c) Address in Australia for service of documents on that person:

Attention: Mr Adam Walker Gadens Lawyers Level 25, 600 Bourke Street MELBOURNE VIC 3000

# 2. Notified arrangement

(a) Description of the goods or services in relation to the supply or acquisition of which this notice relates:

Lots of residential land at the Site.

- (b) **Description of the conduct or proposed conduct:** (Refer to direction 4)
  - 1) The Applicant proposes supplying, and offering to supply, certain lots at the Site on the condition that the purchaser also

enters into a domestic building contract directly with a builder, who will be a registered builder in accordance with the *Domestic Building Contracts Act* 1995 (Vic.), nominated by the Applicant (the **Nominated Builder**).

2) The Applicant proposes refusing to supply certain lots at the Site to any potential purchaser who does not agree to enter into a domestic building contract directly with a Nominated Builder.

# 3. Persons, or classes of persons, affected or likely to be affected by the notified conduct

(a) Class or classes of persons to which the conduct relates: (Refer to direction 5)

Potential and actual purchasers of lots at the Site.

- (b) Number of those persons:
  - (i) At present time:

Nil.

(ii) Estimated within the next year: (Refer to direction 6)

60 purchasers if all lots affected by the notified conduct are sold within this period.

(c) Where number of persons stated in item 3 (b) (i) is less than 50, their names and addresses:

Not applicable.

## 4. Public benefit claims

(a) Arguments in support of notification:

(Refer to direction 7)

Lots on the Site will be made available for sale to purchasers in stages. Each stage will comprise approximately 40 lots. Any dwelling constructed on any lot at the Site must comply with the design and construction guidelines approved by the Applicant for the Site (the **Design and Investment Protection Guidelines**).

The Applicant will refuse to sell up to 20 lots in each stage (the **Affected Lots**) unless the purchaser enters into a domestic building contract with a Nominated Builder (the **Exclusive Hold process**). The Applicant intends to designate one Nominated Builder per Affected Lot, however:

- in each stage, up to nine (9) Nominated Builders will have the benefit of the Exclusive Hold process; and
- the Nominated Builder may elect to relinquish its Exclusive Hold on the Affected Lot, but any dwelling subsequently constructed thereon must still comply with the Design and Investment Protection Guidelines.

The notified conduct will provide benefits to the public of:

- 1) consistency, quality and integrity of design, appearance and streetscape, providing purchasers with confidence as to:
  - (A) the Site as a desirable neighbourhood environment; and
  - (B) their investment in purchasing a lot on the Site;
- 2) by the Applicant nominating reputable Nominated Builders, control of quality at the Site, which in turn gives purchasers confidence of compliance with the Design and Investment Protection Guidelines;
- 3) competition between the Nominated Builders (in terms of design, quality, expediency and cost) for potential purchasers to acquire a lot associated with that Nominated Builder as opposed to:
  - (A) any other Affected Lot designated to another Nominated Builder; or
  - (B) any other lot on the Site; and
- 4) cost benefits to purchasers, including:
  - (A) reduced marketing costs through the integrated selling of house and land;
  - (B) construction by Nominated Builders occurring on a volume basis producing economies of scale; and
  - (C) by selling the Affected Lot to the ultimate purchaser rather than first to the Nominated Builder and then to the ultimate purchaser, the ultimate purchaser avoids the effective impact of paying duty on two transactions.

(b) Facts and evidence relied upon in support of these claims:

See above.

## 5. Market definition

Provide a description of the market(s) in which the goods or services described at 2 (a) are supplied or acquired and other affected markets including: significant suppliers and acquirers; substitutes available for the relevant goods or services; any restriction on the supply or acquisition of the relevant goods or services (for example geographic or legal restrictions):

(Refer to direction 8)

The sale of real estate zoned Residential, or capable of being zoned Residential, in metropolitan Melbourne.

## 6. Public detriments

(a) Detriments to the public resulting or likely to result from the notification, in particular the likely effect of the notified conduct on the prices of the goods or services described at 2 (a) above and the prices of goods or services in other affected markets:

(Refer to direction 9)

The Applicant submits that the notified arrangement involves no public detriments because:

- 1) the real estate market in metropolitan Melbourne is highly competitive and, in particular, there are various competing residential developments available throughout Melbourne;
- 2) the Site represents a small portion of the relevant market;
- 3) there will be competition between the Nominated Builders at the Site; and
- 4) the purchaser enjoys the cost benefits described at item 4(a).
- (b) Facts and evidence relevant to these detriments:

See above.

# 7. Further information

(a) Name, postal address and contact telephone details of the person authorised to provide additional information in relation to this notification:

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Dated: 10 August 2012

Signed by/on behalf of the Applicant

Gadens Lawyers, for and on behalf of

National Asset Pty Ltd ACN 118 296 209

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## **DIRECTIONS**

- 1. In lodging this form, applicants must include all information, including supporting evidence that they wish the Commission to take into account in assessing their notification.
  - Where there is insufficient space on this form to furnish the required information, the information is to be shown on separate sheets, numbered consecutively and signed by or on behalf of the applicant.
- 2. If the notice is given by or on behalf of a corporation, the name of the corporation is to be inserted in item 1 (a), not the name of the person signing the notice, and the notice is to be signed by a person authorised by the corporation to do so.
- 3. Describe that part of the business of the person giving the notice in the course of the which the conduct is engaged in.
- 4. If particulars of a condition or of a reason of the type referred to in section 47 of the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* have been reduced in whole or in part to writing, a copy of the writing is to be provided with the notice.
- 5. Describe the business or consumers likely to be affected by the conduct.
- 6. State an estimate of the highest number of persons with whom the entity giving the notice is likely to deal in the course of engaging in the conduct at any time during the next year.
- 7. Provide details of those public benefits claimed to result or to be likely to result from the proposed conduct including quantification of those benefits where possible.
- 8. Provide details of the market(s) likely to be affected by the notified conduct, in particular having regard to goods or services that may be substitutes for the good or service that is the subject matter of the notification.
- 9. Provide details of the detriments to the public which may result from the proposed conduct including quantification of those detriments where possible.