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Dear Ms Farley

Third line forcing notification N96118 lodged by Rydges Hotels Ltd

I refer to the above third line forcing notification lodged with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) on 28 August 2012. The notification has been placed on the ACCC's public register.

Rydges Hotels Ltd (trading as Rydges Hotels and Resorts) (Rydges) proposes to offer private health insurance members of Bupa Australia Pty Ltd (Bupa) discounts on its regular prices from time to time.

Legal immunity conferred by the notification will commence on 11 September 2012.

On the basis of the information that you have provided, it is not intended that further action be taken in this matter at this stage.

As with any notification, please note that the ACCC may act to remove the immunity afforded by the notification at a later stage if it is satisfied that the likely benefit to the public from the conduct will not outweigh the likely detriment to the public from the conduct.

This assessment has been made on the basis that Rydges, Bupa and any other relevant party will disclose all relevant terms and conditions to prospective customers.

A copy of this letter has been placed on the ACCC's public register.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of this matter, please contact Tanya Hobbs on
(02) 6243 1029

Yours sincerely



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