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Mr Peter Lewis  
Director  
VSP Global

By email: [plewis@genop.com.au](mailto:plewis@genop.com.au)

Dear Mr Lewis

**Third line forcing notifications N96492- N96498 lodged by VSP Global & Ors**

I refer to the above third line forcing notifications lodged with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) on 18 December 2012. The notifications have been placed on the ACCC's public register.

Seven optometrists and eyecare professionals (IECPs), namely Peter Dixon of B.W. Davis and G.L. Dixon, Eyecare Optometrists Pty Ltd, Furnix Pty Ltd, David Stephensen Optometrist Pty Ltd, The Optical Company Pty Ltd, Stacey and Stacey Pty Ltd, Eyewear Australia South East Region Pty Ltd, wish to participate in VSP Global Inc's optometry services network. The seven IECPs have notified that as part of this network they propose to offer discounts on the supply of optometry services and related products to customers who are members of participating health funds, or the employees of participating health funds.

Legal protection conferred by the notifications will commence on 1 January 2013.

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 legal protection provided by the notifications 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 VSP Global and the seven IECP's on whose behalf VSP Global has lodged notifications 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 do not hesitate to contact Imogen Hartcher-O'Brien on (02) 6243 1049.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized initial 'R' followed by a long horizontal line.

Dr Richard Chadwick  
General Manager  
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