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Mr Peter Lewis
Director
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By email: plewis@genop.com.au

Dear Mr Lewis

Third line forcing notifications N96500-N96509 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 21 December 2012. The notifications have been placed on the ACCC's public register.

Ten optometrists and eyecare professionals (IECPs), namely A. Livanes Optometrist Pty Ltd, Eyes-On Pty Ltd ATF The Eyes-On Unit Trust, Focus Optometry Pty Ltd, Franz Felfer Optometrist, Greenwood Optical ATF The Greenwood Family Trust, Heron Eye Care Pty Ltd, Miracom Pty Ltd ATF Clemens & Kosmac Unit Trust, Michael Hare Optometrist Pty Ltd, DGH Nominees Pty Ltd, Neutral Bay Optical Pty Ltd, wish to participate in VSP Global Inc's optometry services network. The ten 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 4 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 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 'R' followed by a long horizontal line.

Dr Richard Chadwick
General Manager
Adjudication Branch