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Dear Mr Hipwell

Third line forcing notification N95872 lodged by STIHL Pty Ltd

I refer to the above third line forcing notification lodged with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) on 17 May 2012. The notification has been placed on the ACCC's public register.

Stihl Pty Ltd (Stihl) proposes to offer to double the 2 year warranty to customers that buy one of a range of Stihl branded products from a Stihl dealer, provided that the customer also buys lubricant and has the product serviced at a STIHL dealership within two years of purchase.

Legal immunity conferred by the notification commenced on 31 May 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 Stihl will disclose all relevant terms and conditions to prospective clients.

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 Garth Layton on (02) 6243 1274.

Yours sincerely

Dr Richard Chadwick
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