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Dear Ms Edghill

Third line forcing notifications N95932 & N95933 lodged by Expedia Inc, & Expedia Australia Pty Ltd

I refer to the above third line forcing notifications lodged with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) on 7 June 2012. The notifications have been placed on the ACCC's public register.

Expedia, Inc and Expedia Australia Pty Ltd propose to:

- (a) Supply or offer to supply entry into promotions or competitions to customers who acquire Expedia services, or
- (b) Give, allow or offer a discount, allowance, rebate or credit to customers who acquire Expedia services,

on condition that the customer has not acquired, or has agreed to acquire, credit card payment processing services of a specified Bank.

Legal immunity conferred by the notifications will commence on 21 June 2012.

On the basis of information provided by the applicants, 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 Expedia, Inc and Expedia Australia Pty Ltd 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 Anna Giannakos on (03) 9290 6920 or by email anna.giannakos@acc.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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

Dr Richard Chadwick
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