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Dear Mr Armitage and Ms Foster

**Visa Worldwide Pte Limited & Ors – application for authorisation – A91379 & A91380  
- request for interim authorisation**

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has decided to grant interim authorisation in respect of the application for authorisation lodged by Visa Worldwide Pte Limited, Visa AP (Australia) Pty Ltd and MasterCard Asia/Pacific Pte Ltd (collectively, the Applicants) on 4 July 2013. A copy of the ACCC's decision is attached.

**Next steps**

For your information, the next step in the process is for the ACCC to release a draft determination which will take account of any submissions from the Applicants and interested parties and will indicate the ACCC's preliminary views on the merits of the application. The ACCC will give the Applicants and interested parties the opportunity to provide a submission on the draft determination before the ACCC issues its final decision.

The ACCC is also in the process of considering the further request for authorisation that was lodged by the Applicants on 2 September 2013.

As noted in the attached decision, the ACCC may review its decision on interim authorisation at any time. The ACCC's decision in relation to interim authorisation should not be taken to be indicative of whether or not final authorisation will be granted by the ACCC.

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 Hayley Parkes on 03 9290 6926.

Yours sincerely

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