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Mr Peter Armitage Partner Ashurst Australia

By email: <a href="mailto:peter.armitage@ashurst.com">peter.armitage@ashurst.com</a>

Dear Mr Armitage

## Authorisations A91379& A91380 submitted by Visa and MasterCard – request for material to be excluded from the public register

I refer to your applications for authorisation and supporting submission lodged by Visa Worldwide Pte Limited, Visa AP and MasterCard Asia/Pacific Pte Ltd (collectively, the applicants) with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) on 4 July 2013.

I have considered the applicants' request that confidential parts of the submission be excluded from the ACCC's public register.

As you are aware, the ACCC is generally required under section 89 of the *Competition* and *Consumer Act 2010* (the Act) to place documents provided to it in relation to an application for authorisation on the ACCC's public register. The Act provides that a person submitting a document in relation to an authorisation application may request that the document or parts thereof be excluded from the public register by reason of the nature of certain information contained in the part document.

As a person authorised to make a decision for and on behalf of the ACCC in relation to such a request, I advise that the relevant confidential parts of the submission will not be placed on the public register.

This letter has been placed on the ACCC's public register.

I note that you also provided a public version of your clients' submission. This version will be placed on the public register in the form it was provided to the ACCC.

Should you have any queries in relation to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Hayley Parkes on 03 9290 6926.

Yours sincerely

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