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Dear Dr Chadwick

Tabcorp: applications for authorisation of international pooling arrangements

We refer to Tabcorp's applications for authorisation (numbers A91419 – A91424).

On 27 August 2014, the ACCC released its draft determination proposing to grant authorisation to Tabcorp Wagering Manager (Vic) Pty Ltd and TAB Limited to give effect (or, for future agreements, to make and give effect) to Specified Provisions in international pooling agreements.

As the ACCC is aware, Tabcorp is proposing to acquire the ACTTAB business from the ACT Government. ACTTAB is licensed to provide totalisator, wagering and gaming services in the ACT. If the proposed acquisition is successful, Tabcorp will seek to have a Tabcorp entity enter into international pooling agreements in respect of the ACT totalisator. This will enable customers in the ACT to benefit from such agreements.

In those circumstances, Tabcorp requests to vary its applications to enable Tabcorp Wagering Manager (Vic) Pty Ltd, TAB Limited, Tabcorp Holdings Limited (ACN 063 780 709) and any Related Body Corporate (as that term is defined in the Corporations Act 2001) of Tabcorp Holdings Limited to make and give effect to agreements containing one or more of the Specified Provisions.

We do not consider that the proposed variation will have any impact on the ACCC's analysis as reflected in its draft determination.

Yours sincerely

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