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Peter N. Lewis Director VSP Global 110 Dalmeny Ave. Rosebery NSW 2018

Dear Mr Lewis

## Third line forcing notifications N97179 - N7182 lodged by VSP Global, Inc & Ors

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

On 27 December 2013, VSP Global, Inc (VSP) lodged notifications on behalf of the following four optometrists and eye care professionals (IECPs) located in New South Wales:

- IContact Optometrists Pty Ltd
- Hurstville Family Eyecare Pty Ltd
- ICare Optometry Pty Ltd and
- The Optical Outlet Pty Ltd.

Each notifying party proposes to offer a discount on the supply of optometry services and related products (such as completed spectacles and contact lenses) to customers on condition that those customers are members of participating health funds, or the employees of the participating health funds.

Legal protection conferred by the notifications will commence on 10 January 2014.

On the basis of the information you have provided it is not intended that further action be taken in these matters at this stage.

As with any notification, please note that the ACCC may act to remove the legal protection provided by the notifications 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 VSP and the above four IECPs 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 Gina D'Ettorre on 03 9290 1483.

Yours sincerely

Rose Webb

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