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Dear Mr Bhullar

Application for Authorisation A91521 – Application for interim authorisation

We refer to the application for authorisation for collective bargaining lodged on behalf of TLS Association Pty Ltd and TLA Australia Ltd (**Applicant**), your reference number A91521 and to your discussion with Koula Politis of our office today in relation to interim authorisation.

TLS Association Pty Ltd currently has statutory protection under authorisation A91250 to negotiate discounts and rebates on behalf of members. As previously advised, the application for authorisation A91521 is intended to cover both TLS Association Pty Ltd and a new entity TLA Australia Ltd.

The Applicant requests interim authorisation in relation to the application A91521 on the basis that:

- TLS Association Pty Ltd is currently authorised under authorisation A91250 in respect of the collective bargaining conduct for which the Applicant seeks authorisation; and
- the Applicant wishes to ensure that there is no gap in statutory protection for members when the existing authorisation A91250 expires on 18 March 2016 and the final determination by the Commission in relation to application A91521.

If you have any queries regarding the application, please contact Koula Politis of our office on (03) 9242 4791.

Yours faithfully
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