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TRIM: RE: Proposed anti-competitive price signalling prohibitions

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Thanks for all your help on this

, much appreciated.

From:

Sent: Thursday, 10 February 2011 11:10 AM

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Subject: RE: Proposed anti-competitive price signalling prohibitions

I respond as follows:

- 1. The only continuous disclosure obligation creating offences in the Corporations Act are in s 674 and 675.
- 2. I understand that the effect of ASX listing rule 3.1 is that there are certain instances where a matter may be a breach of the listing rules, but may not in fact be a breach of the continuous disclosure obligations. The listing rules may need to be covered separately. (I am not conversant with these rules in detail)
- 3. There may be other situations where disclosure is required to comply with other laws for example, a failure to disclose information could infringe provisions against misleading and deceptive conduct (in both the Corporations Act and the ASIC Act).

Investor Protection and Credit Unit

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From:

Sent: Wednesday, 9 February 2011 5:05 PM

To:

Subject: Proposed anti-competitive price signalling prohibitions

Hi

Thank you for meeting with us yesterday to discuss the proposed anti-competitive price signalling prohibitions and their interaction with the continuous disclosure requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001*. After our discussion we are currently considering an exception along the lines of:

"Sections 44ZZW and 44ZZX do not apply to the disclosure of information by a corporation if the disclosure is made for the purpose of complying with [section 647 or 675?][a provision of Chapter 6CA?] of the Corporations Act 2001."

We would be grateful on your views as to whether:

-There are any disclosure obligations placed on businesses carrying on business in Australia, outside the Corporations Act?

- If Sections 647 and 675 are the only sections within the *Corporations Act* which place continuous disclosure obligations upon corporations?

And if so-

- What reference to the requirements you consider to be most appropriate in capturing these disclosure requirements within the Act?

As flagged, we are currently operating under a very tight timeframe so any comments would be appreciated by midafternoon Thursday. Apologies for this time frame.

Happy to discuss anytime

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