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Charles Cameron
Chief Executive Officer
The Recruitment & Consulting Services Association

By email

Dear Mr Cameron

N10000517 - Recruitment & Consulting Services Association - No further action

I refer to the notification lodged with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the **ACCC**) by the Recruitment & Consulting Services Association Ltd (**RCSA**) in relation to its StaffMatch program, which forms part of the Queensland government's 'Jobs Finder' program (the **Notified Conduct**).

Commencement of legal protection

The protection from legal action provided by this notification commenced automatically when it was validly lodged with the ACCC on 17 April 2020.

While the legal protection is in force, the notifying party may engage in the conduct as described in the notification without the risk of breaching the exclusive dealing provisions of the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* (Cth).

ACCC assessment

On the basis of the information that you have provided, the ACCC considers that the Notified Conduct is not likely to have the purpose, effect or likely effect of substantially lessening competition.

As such, the ACCC has decided to take no further action at the current time, which allows the legal protection provided by the notification to continue unless or until the ACCC revokes the notification or it is withdrawn.

If circumstances change, or the ACCC receives further information, such that it is satisfied that the Notified Conduct has the purpose, effect or likely effect of substantially lessening competition <u>and</u> that the public benefits from the third line forcing conduct do not outweigh the public detriments, the ACCC may take steps to remove the legal protection by revoking the notification.

The notification and this email will be placed on the ACCC's <u>exclusive dealing notifications</u> <u>register</u>.

Please contact Robert Janissen on (02) 6243 1387 or by email to exemptions@accc.gov.au if you have any questions about this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Daniel McCracken-Hewson

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A/g General Manager

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