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Subject: Clerks – Private Sector Award 2020 (AM2020/98)

Importance: High

Dear Associate,

With apologies for the late email, I write in relation to proceedings concerning potential variations to the *Clerks – Private Sector Award 2020* (AM2020/98) and the conference scheduled for tomorrow morning.

To date, these proceedings have related primarily to the inclusion, modification and extension of *Schedule I - Award flexibility during the COVID-19 pandemic*. The inclusion of the schedule in the award has reflected a level of consensus between the ACTU, ASU, ACCI and Ai Group. It expires on 30 June 2021.

The parties had previously requested additional conferences before the Commission with a view to potentially proposing more enduring changes to the Award. Such conferences have previously been postponed on multiple occasions to enable further discussions between the parties in light of evolving circumstances.

The parties have engaged in the contemplated discussions but this has not culminated in any shared view that further change to the award are necessary, given current circumstances.

Given this context, the ACTU, ASU, Ai Group and ACCI jointly propose that the current proceedings should be discontinued.

The parties also jointly propose that the conference tomorrow be vacated, but are available to participate in the conference should the Commission not be inclined to adopt this course.

The abovementioned parties intend to continue to monitor relevant developments with a view to potentially engaging in further discussions and/or seeking the further assistances of the Commission through a relevant application, if a further change to the award is necessary.

The relevant representatives of the ASU, Ai Group and ACCI are copied in on this correspondence and have agreed to it being provided to the Commission.

The parties thank the Commission for its significant assistance in relation to the abovementioned matters.

Yours sincerely,

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