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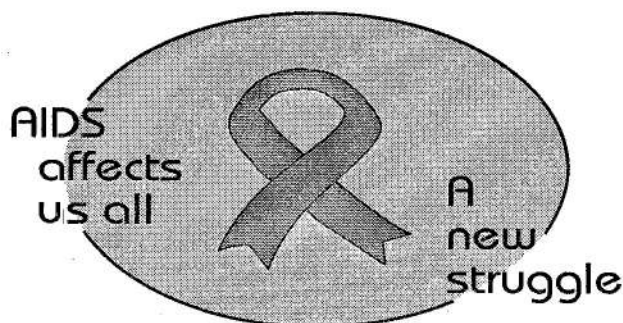
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## NOTICE 2680 OF 1999

### COMPETITION COMMISSION

#### NOTICE OF A COMPLAINT LODGED WITH THE COMMISSION IN RESPECT OF A PROHIBITED PRACTICE IN TERMS OF THE COMPETITION ACT, 1998

Reference: 1999SEP20

Notice is hereby given that a complaint has been lodged with, and accepted by, the Competition Commission, by Scottsville's Estate Agents (trading as Scotprop) in terms of section 44 of the Competition Act, 1998 ("the Act"). The complaint is in respect of the Property Network in Pietermaritzburg, and gives rise to the following allegations:

- (a) There is a horizontal agreement between members of the Property Network, as competitors, which fixes trading conditions, in breach of section 4 (1) (b) (i) of the Act; and
- (b) the Property Network imposes an excessive membership fee which has the effect of excluding smaller realtors from joining the Property Network and thus prevents them from effectively competing and/or expanding in the market, in breach of section 8 (c) of the Act.

In terms of rule 18 (1) of the Rules for the Conduct of Proceedings in the Competition Commission, published in Notice No. 1938 of *Government Gazette* No. 20384 of 20 August 1999, parties who believe that they may have a material interest in this matter are invited to submit Form CC2 to the Competition Commission. This form was published in Notice No. 1939 of *Government Gazette* No. 20385 of 20 August 1999. Copies may be obtained from the Government Printer, on the Competition Commission's website <http://www.compcom.co.za>, or directly from the Competition Commission at Private Bag X23, Lynnwood Ridge, 0040 (facsimile (012) 482-9118, or telephone (012) 482-9000).

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