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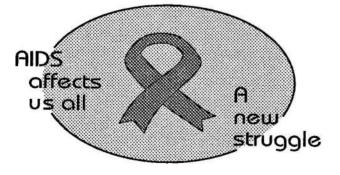
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NOTICE 2254 OF 2000

COMPETITION COMMISSION (THE COMMISSION)

NOTICE OF A COMPLAINT LODGED WITH THE COMMISSION

IN RESPECT OF A CONTRAVENTION OF A PROHIBITED PRACTICE

CONTAINED IN THE COMPETITION ACT, 1996 (ACT NO. 89 OF 1998).

Reference: 2000Mar14

Notice is hereby given that a complaint has been lodged with, and accepted by, the Competition Commission, by Atasca Paper Merchants CC in terms of section 44 of the Competition Act 1998, ("the Act") in which it is alleged that Sappi Fine Papers; Paperlink; Finwood; Haddons Star & First Paper House and Peters Papers & Spicers is involved in practices prohibited by Sections 4 and 8 of the Competition Act, with reference to the market for paper supply in South Africa.

It is alleged that -

- Sappi Fine Papers; Paperlink; Finwood; Haddons Star & First Paper House and Peters Papers & Spicers are in a horizontal relationship which has the effect of substantially preventing or lessening competition in the market, which is in breach of S.4(1)(a) of the Act.
- Sappi Fine Papers; Paperlink; Finwood; Haddons Star & First Paper House and Peters Papers & Spicers are dominant in the market for paper supply in South Africa.
- Sappi Fine Papers; Paperlink; Finwood; Haddons Star & First Paper House and Peters Papers & Spicers are engaged in an exclusionary act by refusing to supply Atasca Paper Merchants CC with paper, which is in breach of S.8(d)(ii) of the Act.

This notice is issued in terms of Rule 18(1)(b) of the RULES FOR THE CONDUCT OF PROCEEDINGS IN THE COMPETITION COMMISSION, 1999, published in Government Gazette 20384 of 20 August 1999, under Notice No. 1938. Parties with a material interest in this matter are invited to submit Form CC 2 to the Competition Commission. This form was published in Notice 1939 in 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]. Persons responding to this notice are requested to quote Case No. 2000Mar14 and address all correspondence to the Divisional Head, Enforcement and Exemptions at the above address.

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