



IN THE COMPETITION
APPEAL TRIBUNAL

Case No: 1204/4/8/13

BETWEEN:

AKZO NOBEL N.V.

Applicant

-v-

COMPETITION COMMISSION

Respondent

- supported by -

(1) METLAC HOLDING S.r.L.

(2) METLAC S.p.A.

Interveners

ORDER

UPON considering the written observations of the parties filed on 28 January 2013 indicating that they have reached agreement as to the establishment of a confidentiality ring

AND UPON hearing the legal representatives of the parties at a first Case Management Conference held on 29 January 2013

AND HAVING REGARD TO the terms of the Order made on 30 January 2013 regarding the future conduct of these proceedings

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. This Order becomes effective in respect of each of the persons named in Part A of the Schedule to this Order only upon receipt by the Tribunal of a signed undertaking in the terms of Part B of the Schedule to this Order
2. For the purposes of this Order:
 - a. **“Confidential Information”** means information contained in the unredacted versions of the parties’ pleadings and other documents (including the unredacted version of the Respondent’s decision dated 21 December 2012 and entitled “AKZO NOBEL N.V./METLAC HOLDING S.R.L. – A report on the anticipated acquisition by Akzo

Nobel N.V. of Metlac Holding S.r.L.”), filed with, or otherwise provided to, the Tribunal for the purposes of these proceedings, where such information (i) has been identified by the party providing the document as being confidential and (ii) is (or is likely to be) accorded confidential treatment pursuant to rule 53 of the Competition Appeal Tribunal Rules 2003 (S.I. No. 1372 of 2003)

- b. **“Relevant Advisers”** are those persons:
 - i. listed in Part A of the Schedule to this Order who have given a written undertaking to the Tribunal in the terms of Part B of the Schedule to this Order; or
 - ii. authorised by the Tribunal upon further application
3. For the purposes of paragraph 4 below, all such unredacted versions of pleadings and other documents served in these proceedings must be marked or highlighted so as to indicate the parts in relation to which confidential treatment is claimed, in the manner referred to in paragraph 13.22 of the Tribunal's Guide to Proceedings (October 2005)
4. Each of the parties shall hereafter disclose to the other parties unredacted versions of their pleadings and other documents served in these proceedings on the condition that such unredacted versions, and any Confidential Information contained within these, shall be disclosed only to the Relevant Advisers or any Competition Commission staff or member who is for the time being working on these proceedings or the matters which have given rise to them and not to any other officer or employee of that party or to any other person
5. If any party wishes to add any additional person as a Relevant Adviser for the purposes of paragraph 2.b.ii. above, they shall apply to the Tribunal in writing, copied to the other parties, indicating whether each of the other parties consents or does not consent to the addition of that person
6. Nothing in this Order prevents the disclosure of any information to the Competition Commission (including any member or employee of the Competition Commission) to facilitate the exercise of its functions
7. Costs be reserved.
8. There be liberty to apply.

SCHEDULE

PART A

This part contains the names, for each party, of Relevant Advisers:

Akzo Nobel N.V.

External counsel

Tim Ward Q.C.

Alistair Lindsay (both of Monckton Chambers)

External solicitors

John Boyce

Patrick Horan

Kate Houston

Ying Wu (all of Slaughter and May)

Economic advisers

Simon Bishop

Michael Dietrich (both of RBB Economics)

Competition Commission

External counsel

Daniel Beard Q.C.

Rob Williams (both of Monckton Chambers)

External solicitors

Neera Gajjar

Dhiraj Verma

Tom Bullmore

Philippa Harvey

Caroll Reich

Chris Roylance

Richard Hilton (all of the Treasury Solicitor's Office)

Metlac Holding S.r.L. and Metlac S.p.A.

External legal adviser

Mario Siragusa (Avvocato and member of the Rome Bar) (of Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP)

External solicitors

Paul Gilbert

Ruchit Patel

Luke Streatfeild

Saverio Valentino

Jonathan Zimmermann

Matthew Fisher

Bridgette Morgan-Davies (all of Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP)

Economic advisers

Paolo Buccirossi

Luca Aguzzoni (both of Laboratorio di economia, antitrust, regolamentazione
("Lear"))

PART B

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In respect of any Confidential Information disclosed to them pursuant to this Order, each Relevant Adviser mentioned in Part A of this Order undertakes that they will comply with the following requirements in the following terms:

I, [name], of [firm, company or establishment] being [legal or other qualification] and regulated so far as my professional conduct is concerned by [regulatory body if any] undertake to the Tribunal as follows:

1. I will not disclose the Confidential Information (as defined in the Tribunal’s Order of 30 January 2013, the “Confidentiality Ring Order”) to any person who is not a Relevant Adviser or any Competition Commission staff or member who is for the time being working on these proceedings or the matters which have given rise to them without the consent of the party originally disclosing the information or the permission of the Tribunal.
2. I will use the Confidential Information only for the purpose of these proceedings (and for no other proceedings or use).
3. The documents containing the Confidential Information will remain in my custody or the custody of the other Relevant Advisers at all times and be held in a manner appropriate to the circumstances so as to prevent unauthorised access.
4. The production of further copies by me of the documents containing the Confidential Information shall be limited to those required for the use of the Relevant Advisers or any Competition Commission staff or member who is for the time being working on these proceedings or the matters which have given rise to them for the purposes of these proceedings.
5. Any copies and the documents in paper form containing the Confidential Information will be returned to the party originally disclosing the documents at the conclusion of the present proceedings (including the determination of any appeals); any such copies and the documents containing the Confidential Information in electronic form will be returned where possible or, where that is not possible, will be rendered inaccessible from any computer system, disk or device so that it is not readily available to any person.
6. Save that none of the requirements listed at paragraphs 1 to 4 above shall prevent the Relevant Advisers from disclosing to the party advised by them information (i) of which that party was the original provider in these proceedings, or (ii) which that party has already seen in circumstances not subject to the provisions of the Confidentiality Ring Order.

Signed:

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[Name]

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Date