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To: Chambers - Gostencnik DP
Subject: AM2016/33 – Graphic Arts, Printing and Publishing Award 2010

Dear Deputy President

We refer to the Commission's Directions of 31 January 2017 regarding AM2016/33. These Directions refer to the filing of submissions and evidence relating to the second and third substantive issues identified at paragraph [95] of the Commission's Decision in [2016] FWCFB 7254. The relevant extracts from the Decision are:

(2) Competencies: The AMWU seeks to amend the Schedule B—Competencies of the exposure draft (which reflects Schedule C of the current Award) on the basis that they are out of date. This is opposed by the Ai Group.

(3) Payment of wages on termination: Ai Group seeks a variation to clause 18.7 of the exposure draft (clause 28.5 of the current Award) to provide that termination monies may be paid in accordance with the employer's pay cycle when payment is made by electronic funds transfer. The current requirement is for employers to pay employees by the end of the next business day following termination. Ai Group has advanced similar claims in a number of other awards. This is opposed by the AMWU.

With regard to the second substantive issue, discussions are taking place between Ai Group and the AMWU, as advised in the AMWU's correspondence of 21 February 2017 to the Commission.

With regard to the third substantive issue, this matter is being dealt with in the *Payment of Wages Common Issues* proceedings. The issue was one of numerous matters dealt with in the Commission's decision of 1 December 2016 ([2016] FWCFB 8463). A further hearing is scheduled for 23 March 2017.

Yours sincerely

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