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Mr Elvis Onyura Senior Advisor, Listing Compliance (Sydney) ASX Compliance Pty Limited 20 Bridge Street Sydney NSW 2000

By email: elvis.onyura@asx.com.au

Dear Mr Onyura

## **Response to ASX Price Query Letter**

Accent Group Limited (the "Company") refers to the Price Query Letter received from the ASX today and responds to the ASX's queries in number order as follows:

- 1. No. The Company in not aware of any information concerning it that has not been announced to the market which, if known by some in the market, could explain the recent trading in its securities.
- 2. Not applicable.
- 3. The Company notes the announcement made to the ASX this morning regarding the upcoming release from escrow on 4 August 2018 of 36,842,105 fully paid shares that were issued to the shareholders of Hype DC Pty. Ltd. as part of the Company's acquisition of Hype DC on 4 August 2016. These escrow arrangements were announced by the Company to the ASX at the time of its acquisition of Hype DC.
- 4. The Company confirms that it is in compliance with the Listing Rules, and in particular Listing Rule 3.1
- 5. The Company confirms that its responses to the questions above have been authorised and approved in accordance with its published continuous disclosure policy or otherwise by its board or an officer of the Company with delegated authority from the board to respond to ASX on disclosure matters.

Yours sincerely,

Matthew Durbin

Chief Financial Officer and Joint Company Secretary



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Mr Matthew Durbin Chief Financial Officer & Joint Company Secretary Accent Group Limited 719 Elizabeth Street Waterloo NSW 2017

By email

Dear Mr Durbin

### Accent Group Limited (the "Company"): Price Query

We note the change in the price of the Company's securities from a high of \$1.66 on 10 July 2018 to a low of \$1.37 at the time of writing today 16 July 2018.

We also note the significant increase in the volume of the Company's securities traded today 16 July 2018.

In light of this, ASX asks the Company to respond separately to each of the following questions and requests for information:

- 1. Is the Company aware of any information concerning it that has not been announced to the market which, if known by some in the market, could explain the recent trading in its securities?
  - In responding to this question, please consider in particular whether the Company is aware of any information that its earnings for the 12 month period ending on 30 June 2018:
  - a) are likely to differ materially (downwards or upwards) from any earnings guidance it has given for the period; or
  - b) if the Company has not given any earnings guidance for the period, are otherwise likely to come as a surprise to the market (by reference to analyst forecasts for the period or, if the Company is not covered by analysts, its earnings for the prior corresponding period)?
- 2. If the answer to question 1 is "yes":
  - a) Is the Company relying on Listing Rule 3.1A not to announce that information under Listing Rule 3.1?
    - Please note that the recent trading in the Company's securities would suggest to ASX that such information may have ceased to be confidential and therefore the Company may no longer be able to rely on Listing Rule 3.1A. Accordingly, if the answer to this question is "yes", you need to contact us immediately to discuss the situation.
  - b) Can an announcement be made immediately?

- Please note, if the answer to this question is "no", you need to contact us immediately to discuss requesting a trading halt (see below).
- c) If an announcement cannot be made immediately, why not and when is it expected that an announcement will be made?
- 3. If the answer to question 1 is "no", is there any other explanation that the Company may have for the recent trading in its securities?
- 4. Please confirm that the Company is in compliance with the Listing Rules and, in particular, Listing Rule 3.1.
- 5. Please confirm that the Company's responses to the questions above have been authorised and approved in accordance with its published continuous disclosure policy or otherwise by its board or an officer of the Company with delegated authority from the board to respond to ASX on disclosure matters.

### When and where to send your response

This request is made under, and in accordance with, Listing Rule 18.7. Your response is required as soon as reasonably possible and, in any event, by not later than **3.30 pm AEST** today **Monday 16 July 2018**. If we do not have your response by then, ASX will have no choice but to consider suspending trading in the Company's securities under Listing Rule 17.3.

You should note that if the information requested by this letter is information required to be given to ASX under Listing Rule 3.1 and it does not fall within the exceptions mentioned in Listing Rule 3.1A, the Company's obligation is to disclose the information "immediately". This may require the information to be disclosed before the deadline set out in the previous paragraph.

ASX reserves the right to release a copy of this letter and your response on the ASX Market Announcements Platform under Listing Rule 18.7A. Accordingly, your response should be in a form suitable for release to the market.

Your response should be sent to me by e-mail. It should <u>not</u> be sent directly to the ASX Market Announcements Office. This is to allow me to review your response to confirm that it is in a form appropriate for release to the market, before it is published on the ASX Market Announcements Platform.

#### Listing Rules 3.1 and 3.1A

Listing Rule 3.1 requires a listed entity to give ASX immediately any information concerning it that a reasonable person would expect to have a material effect on the price or value of the entity's securities. Exceptions to this requirement are set out in Listing Rule 3.1A.

In responding to this letter, you should have regard to the Company's obligations under Listing Rules 3.1 and 3.1A and also to Guidance Note 8 *Continuous Disclosure: Listing Rules 3.1 - 3.1B*.

It should be noted that the Company's obligation to disclose information under Listing Rule 3.1 is not confined to, nor is it necessarily satisfied by, answering the questions set out in this letter.

# **Trading Halt**

If you are unable to respond to this letter by the time specified above, or if the answer to question 1 is "yes" and an announcement cannot be made immediately, you should discuss with us whether it is appropriate to request a trading halt in the Company's securities under Listing Rule 17.1.

If you wish to request a trading halt, you must tell us:

the reasons for the trading halt;

how long you want the trading halt to last;

the event you expect to happen that will end the trading halt;

that you are not aware of any reason why the trading halt should not be granted; and

any other information necessary to inform the market about the trading halt, or that we ask for.

We require the request for a trading halt to be in writing. The trading halt cannot extend past the commencement of normal trading on the second day after the day on which it is granted.

You can find further information about trading halts in Guidance Note 16 *Trading Halts & Voluntary Suspensions*.

If you have any queries or concerns about any of the above, please contact me immediately.

Kind regards

[Sent electronically without signature]

Elvis Onyura

Senior Adviser, Listings Compliance (Sydney)