

# Direction to comply with industry code

## (Subsection 121(1) of the *Telecommunications Act* 1997)

- TO: Jada Mobile Services Limited
- OF: 19/C The Bloomsville, 51 Nga Tsin Wai Rd Kowloon Tong KL Hong Kong

nd Media Authority

Attention: Company Secretary

I, Nerida O'Loughlin, delegate of the Australian Communications and Media Authority (**the ACMA**), being satisfied in accordance with subsection 121(1) of the *Telecommunications Act* 1997 (**the Act**) that Jada Mobile Services Limited (**Jada Mobile Services**):

- (a) is a participant in a particular section of the telecommunications industry; and
- (b) has contravened clauses 4.1.3(c), 4.1.3(i), 4.1.5(b), 4.4.2(d),
  4.4.3(a)(iii)(D), 4.4.9 and 7.1.3(a)(ii) of the *Mobile Premium Services Code* (*C637:2009*) (**the Code**), an industry Code registered under Part 6 of the Act which applies to participants in that section of the industry;

**HEREBY** give notice under subsection 121(1) of the Act, directing Jada Mobile Services to take such steps as are necessary to ensure that Jada Mobile Services complies with the Code, in particular clauses 4.1.3(c), 4.1.3(i), 4.1.5(b), 4.4.2(d), 4.4.3(a)(iii)(D), 4.4.9 and 7.1.3(a)(ii) of the Code by no later than **close of business 3 December 2010**.

#### Details of the contraventions

- 1. Jada Mobile Services is a "content service provider" within the meaning of section 97 of the Act.
- 2. As a content service provider, Jada Mobile Services is a "participant in a section of the telecommunications industry" within the meaning of section

111 of the Act (relevantly, section 110 of the Act defines "section of the telecommunications industry" and section 7 of the Act defines "telecommunications industry").

- 3. The Code was developed by Communications Alliance Ltd (ACN: 078 026 507), being a body or association that represents a section of the telecommunications industry, and registered with the ACMA under section 117 of the Act on 14 May 2009.
- 4. Clause 1.3.1(b) of the Code states that the Code applies to the content service providers section of the telecommunications industry under section 110 of the Act.
- 5. The Code applies to Jada Mobile Services as a content service provider and a participant in a section of the telecommunications industry.
- 6. For the purposes of the Code, Jada Mobile Services is considered a "Content Supplier" as defined in clause 2.2, as the content services supplied by Jada Mobile Services are Mobile Premium Services (Premium SMS or MMS Service) being a content service supplied by way of a call to or from a Short Code with the prefix '197'.
- 7. On 13 May 2010, the ACMA commenced an investigation under paragraph 510(1)(c) of the Act into whether Jada Mobile Services was acting in compliance with the Code.
- The investigation results indicated that Jada Mobile Services was in contravention of clauses 4.1.3(c), 4.1.3(i), 4.1.5(b), 4.4.2(d), 4.4.3(a)(iii)(D), 4.4.9 and 7.1.3(a)(ii) of the Code.
- 9. Based on the conclusions of the investigation, I am satisfied that Jada Mobile Services was in contravention of:
  - a. clauses 4.1.3(c), 4.1.3(i), 4.1.5(b), 4.4.2(d), 4.4.3(a)(iii)(D), 4.4.9 and 7.1.3(a)(ii) of the Code in relation to the Mobile Premium Service supplied using the Short Code '1977 7700' and accessed via the advertisement located at the URL: <u>http://au.funtest.me/index.php?a= 365&s=subid</u> <u>&z=1eaafc98024ad3bab495d22c95675</u>.

10. Relevantly, I am satisfied that Jada Mobile Services contravened:

- clause 4.1.3(c) by failing to inform the customer of all charges that may be incurred for the supply of a service, prior to supplying that service;
- b. clause 4.1.3(i) by failing to inform the customer of its name and contact details prior to supplying a subscription service;
- c. clause 4.1.5(b) by failing to ensure a customer could access pricing information including the basis for calculating charges without requesting supply of a service;
- clause 4.4.2(d) by failing to include the basis for calculating charges in the subscription request message it sent to the customer;

- clause 4.4.3(a)(iii)(D) by failing to include the basis for calculating charges in the subscription confirmation message it sent to the customer;
- f. clause 4.4.9 by failing to include sufficient information to enable the customer to identify and contact the content supplier in all messages sent as part of the service; and
- g. clause 7.1.3(a)(ii) by charging mobile content fees for a 'STOP' message.

### TAKE NOTE:

Under subsection 121(2) of the Act, Jada Mobile Services must comply with a direction under subsection 121(1) of the Act.

Under subsection 121(3) a person must not:

- (a) aid, abet, counsel or procure,
- (b) induce, whether by threats or promises or otherwise,
- (c) be in any way, directly or indirectly, knowingly concerned in, or party to; or
- (d) conspire with others to effect;

a contravention of the requirement in subsection 121(2).

Subsection 121(4) states that subsections 121(2) and (3) of the Act are civil penalty provisions.

If Jada Mobile Services does not comply with this Direction, the ACMA may take civil action in the Federal Court to recover a pecuniary penalty against Jada Mobile Services in accordance with section 571 of the Act.

Section 570 of the Act sets out the matters which the Federal Court must consider in determining pecuniary penalties. The maximum pecuniary penalty payable under subsection 570(1) by a body corporate is \$250,000 for each contravention.

#### **REVIEW RIGHTS**

As a person affected by the decision, if you are dissatisfied with my decision to direct Jada Mobile Services under subsection 121(1) of the Act, you may apply to the ACMA for reconsideration of the decision by the ACMA under subsection 558(1) of the Act.

An application for reconsideration must be made with the period described in subsection 558(3) of the Act.

If you are dissatisfied with the ACMA's decision on the reconsideration of my decision:

- (a) subject to the *Administrative Appeals Tribunal Act* 1975 (AAT Act), application may be made to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal for review of the decision on that reconsideration; and
- (b) you may request a statement under section 28 of the AAT Act in relation to the decision on that reconsideration.

Dated this day of 2010

Nerida O'Loughlin Delegate of the Australian Communications and Media Authority