

THE TAKEOVER PANEL

AEGIS GROUP PLC

(“AEGIS”)

WPP GROUP PLC (“WPP”)

AND HELLMAN & FRIEDMAN LLC (“H&F”)

Further to recent press speculation, and following discussions with the advisers to Aegis, WPP, H&F and Mr Bolloré the Panel Executive has ruled that Mr Vincent Bolloré will not be bound by the restrictions set out in Rule 2.8 of the Code in connection with the announcements made by WPP and H&F earlier today that they do not intend to make an offer for Aegis. Each of Aegis, Mr Bolloré, WPP and H&F has accepted this ruling.

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