

**POSTAL SERVICES COMMISSION
DECISION STATEMENT**

GRANT OF LICENCE TO

**GREATBATCH LIMITED
(TRADING AS LETTERBOX DISTRIBUTION)**

Summary

On 12 November 2009, the Postal Services Commission (“Postcomm”) issued a consultation notice on the proposed grant of a licence to Greatbatch Limited. Representations on the granting of the licence were requested by 7 December 2009. No responses were received.

Background

In May 2002, Postcomm published its decision on its market opening strategy. This described Postcomm’s approach to introducing competition into the postal market over the four years from 1 January 2003, with the underlying aim of achieving full liberalisation by April 2007 through a phased transition plan. In February 2005, Postcomm announced its decision to bring forward the date of full market opening to 1 January 2006.

Postcomm consulted on the form of licence for operators other than Royal Mail for full market opening. The resulting standard licence was published in August 2005 (“Licences under the Postal Services Act 2000: Licensing framework in a fully open market”) and amended as a result of Postcomm’s January 2008 Decision Document “Amendment of the 2006 Licensing Framework”. It was further modified in December 2008 and November 2009. The standard licence contains no restrictions on the types of services that the licensee can provide.

Consultation Notice

On 12 November 2009, Postcomm issued a consultation notice on the proposal to grant a standard licence to Greatbatch Limited under Section 11 of the Postal Services Act 2000 (“the Act”). The notice requested views on Postcomm’s proposal to grant this licence. Under the terms of the statutory notice, representations regarding the draft licence were requested by 7 December 2009.

Consultation Notice – Response

Postcomm received no responses to the consultation.

Postcomm’s Decision

Postcomm has decided to grant the licence to Greatbatch Limited, as it is satisfied that the grant of the licence to the company is a proper exercise of its functions under the Act.

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