

Clarification of media reports

20 February 2019

Helloworld Travel Limited (ASX: HLO) provides the following information in relation to media reports today:

Travel Services in the United States

This morning an article appeared in *The Age* and *Sydney Morning Herald* suggesting the Australian Ambassador to the United States, the Hon. Joe Hockey “pushed for a contract” (print version) or “requested a meeting” (revised online version) with Helloworld subsidiary QBT in relation to the provision of travel services to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) in the United States.

QBT was awarded a contract in 2015 to provide travel management services to Commonwealth Government Agencies, including DFAT.

In 2017, QBT requested a meeting with DFAT personnel in the United States to discuss the provision of travel management services in the US and this meeting took place.

QBT understands DFAT personnel met a number of travel services providers as part of its considerations in relation to the provision of travel services in the United States.

In August 2018, DFAT started a formal tender process, which QBT has responded to. No announcement has been made in relation to this tender.

At no time has Ambassador Hockey or Helloworld CEO Andrew Burnes discussed the DFAT tender and neither Mr Hockey nor Mr Burnes have had any involvement in the tender process. Mr Burnes did not request the meeting with DFAT personnel in the United States.

At all times Helloworld and Mr Burnes have acted properly in the tender process.

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About Helloworld Travel Limited

- Helloworld Travel Limited (ASX: HLO) is a leading Australian & New Zealand travel distribution company, comprising retail travel networks, destination management services (inbound), air ticket consolidation, wholesale travel services, corporate travel management services and online operations.
- HLO has over 2000 staff located in Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, the USA, Asia, India and UK/Europe and over 2300 members of its travel agency networks in Australia and New Zealand.

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- Helloworld Travel is the proud naming rights partner of Volleyball Australia and the *Helloworld Travel Volleystars* men's and women's national teams.
- HLO's corporate businesses include QBT, APX (NZ), GO C&I, AOT Hotels and from today, Show Group Enterprises.

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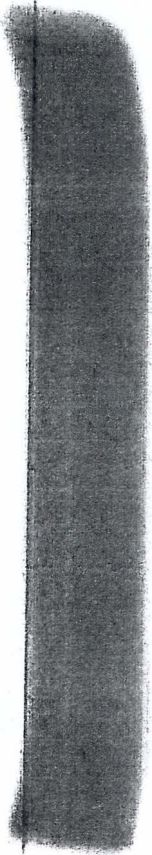
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Staff at gov.mil wrote:



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