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Brussels, 30th August 2007.

Dear Sirs,

Re.: Comments on the « Oversight framework for Card Payment Schemes (CPS) ».

Please find hereafter the comments of the Brand & License Company regarding the draft document « Oversight framework for card payment schemes - Requirements » (April 27, 2007), issued by the ECB.

For your information, the Brand & License Company is the company that mainly manages the licenses and payment schemes of the Bancontact/Mister Cash and Proton cards. Its shareholders are the following banks : Fortis Bank, Dexia Bank Belgium, KBC Bank, ING Belgique and AXA Bank Belgium.

- 1. The geographic area should be clarified: which countries are concerned?: the SEPA countries, the Euro-System countries, the acquirers from outside the UE/SPA but who are active in the UE? The NBB replied to this question that the requirements will be applicable for all the CPS that are active in the Eurozone.
- 2. It would be useful to define clearly who will be considered by the oversight: the issuer of the card, the cardholder, the acquirer, the processor, etc... as well as the responsibilities of each of these participants.
- 3. Does the oversight of the ECB also apply to a CPS that is not « SEPA Cards Framework (SCF) Compliant »?

Best Regards,

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