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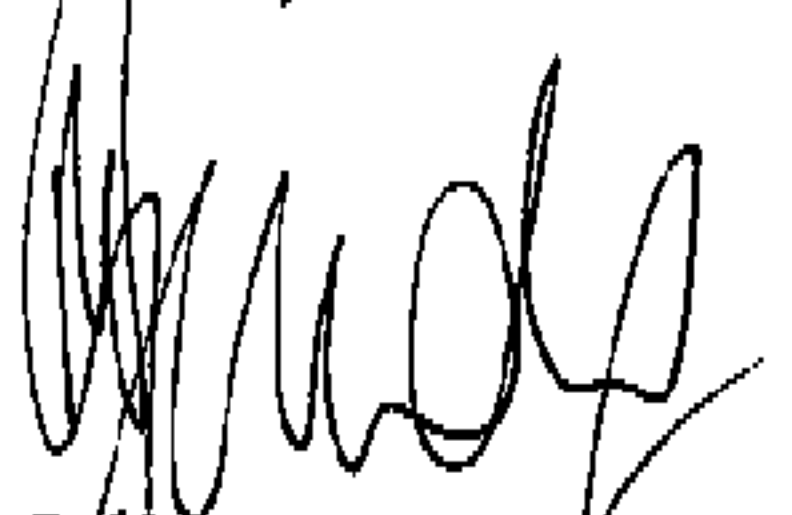
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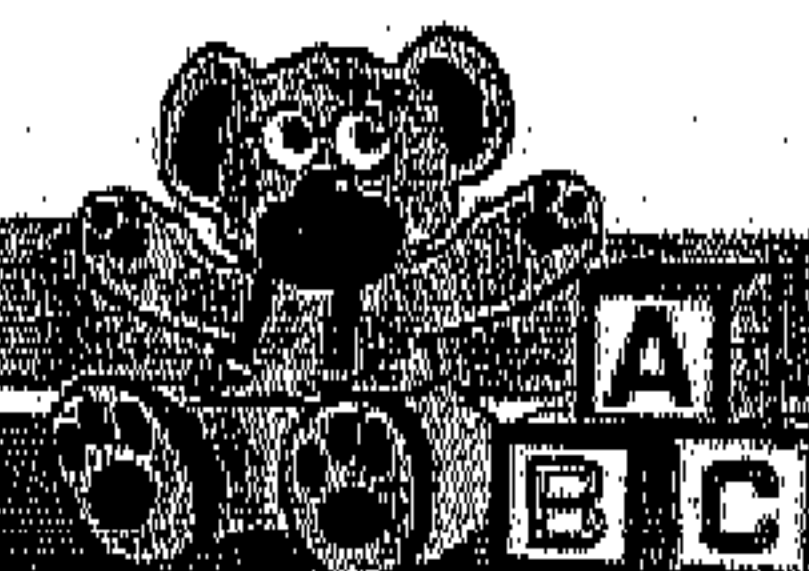
A.B.C. Learning Centres Limited

SUSPENSION FROM OFFICIAL QUOTATION

The securities of A.B.C. Learning Centres Limited (the "Company") will be suspended from quotation prior to the commencement of trading today, Thursday 9 September 2004, at the request of the Company, pending the release of an announcement.

Security Code: ABS


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Re: Suspension Request

A.B.C. Learning Centres Limited (A.B.C.) requests a suspension of its securities from quotation from the ASX.

In accordance with Listing Rule 17.2 – Suspension of Securities From Quotation, A.B.C. hereby provides the following information:

1. The reason for the suspension is due to the continued discussions with Peppercorn Management Group Limited (PMG), Child Care Centres Australia Limited (CDC) and Peppercorn Investment Fund (PIV) (collectively, the Entities) which may result in a possible merger involving some or all of the Entities and an associated capital raising.
2. A.B.C. expects the suspension to last until the commencement of normal trading on Monday, 13 September 2004 or earlier if an announcement is made.
3. A.B.C. expects the suspension to be ended by the announcement of a proposed merger involving some or all of the Entities.
4. The Directors of A.B.C. are not aware of any reason why its securities should not be suspended.
5. There does not exist any other information to inform the market about the request for suspension.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on 07 3906 2008 if you have any queries.

Yours faithfully

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Company Secretary
A.B.C. Learning Centres Limited