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Public Hearing: Request for extension of time limit for submission of comments

Reference is made to *"Public hearing of a proposal on a ban against visible display of tobacco products at points of sale etc"*, with time limit for remarks of 20th June 2007.

Today Valentino Fashion Group SpA, a company established and operating under the laws of Italy (the **"Valentino Group"**), became aware that tomorrow (20th June 2007) is the deadline for submission of possible remarks to the proposal.

Valentino Group holds the exclusive right to manufacture and sell clothing items, footwear and a range of clothing accessories under the MARLBORO CLASSICS brand in Norway, as well as numerous other countries worldwide.

We are concerned that the proposal might contain certain provisions that will affect our business in Norway.

Since the time limit for remarks is tomorrow, we kindly request the Ministry of Health and Care Services to extend the time limit for our possible remarks until 4th July 2007. This extension will allow us to ascertain all legal and commercial implication of the proposal.

Yours sincerely

VALENTINO FASHION GROUP S.P.A.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Luca Vianello', written over a horizontal line.

Luca Vianello, Chief Operating Officer