INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION

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STATEMENT IN THE MATTER OF: Operation Nickel - File No. E12/1944

PLACE:

SMEATON GRANGE

NAME:

Rocco (Roy) PAPALLO

ADDRESS:

Known to ICAC

OCCUPATION:

Director

TELEPHONE NO: Known to ICAC

DATE:

8 August 2013

States: -

- 1. This statement made by me accurately sets out the evidence which I would be prepared, if necessary, to give in Court as a witness. The statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief, and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.
- 2. I am 26 years of age.
- 3. I am the current Director of a company trading as Sydney Trucks and Machinery Centre Pty Ltd which is located Sydney Trucks and Machinery Centre have operated since 1 April 2012 but were formerly known and trading as Tri City Trucks and Machinery Sales Pty Ltd.

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- Tri City Trucks and Machinery Sales Pty Ltd operated and traded from 1 March 2010 until 1 April 2012 when I changed the name of the company to Sydney Trucks and Machinery Centre Pty Ltd.
- 5. Sydney Trucks and Machinery Centre Pty Ltd specialises in sales and servicing of new and used trucks and earthmoving equipment as well as the supply of spare parts for trucks and earthmoving equipment.
- 6. Sydney Trucks and Machinery Centre Pty Ltd was the registered owner of a 2009 Kenworth T358 Tipper truck, grey in colour, which displayed New South Wales registration plate details BIG-358. The Gross Vehicle Mass ("GVM") for this truck is 33,000 kilograms.
- 7. Sydney Trucks and Machinery Centre Pty Ltd acquired this truck by purchasing it on the 5 April 2012 and disposed of the truck through selling the truck to on the 10 September 2012.
- 8. From approximately a week after purchasing this truck, it was advertised on the website for Sydney Trucks and Machinery Pty Ltd, www.stmc.com.au, as well as other trucking sales website such as www.trucksales.com.au and www.truckworld.com.au.
- 9. In the online advertisements we placed had nine (9) colour photographs of the truck number BIG-358 (NSW) with four (4) of these photographs clearly

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displaying the registration plate details for the truck. The advertisements would have also included other information about the truck, including the odometer reading at the time of the advertisement.

EXHIBIT: I PRODUCE COPIES OF THOSE NINE (9) PHOTOGRAPHS
USED IN THE ONLINE ADVERTISEMENTS FOR TRUCK
NUMBER BIG-358 (NSW).

- 10. I have never removed registration plate number BIG-358 (NSW) from this vehicle. Nor have I ever allowed any other person to use registration plate number BIG-358 (NSW) whilst the truck was owned and in the custody of Sydney Trucks and Machinery Centre Pty Ltd on their vehicle.
- 11. I do not know a person by the name of Christopher Binos or any other persons employed or contracted to the Roads and Maritime Services as a Heavy Vehicle Competency Based assessor or instructor.
- 12. I do not know of a business or company trading as Ace Truck Training Group or Forklift Training and Licensing Pty Ltd.
- 13. I have never rented, loaned or leased my vehicle BIG-358 (NSW) to Christopher Binos, Ace Truck Training Group, Forklift Training and Licensing Pty Ltd or any other person or company to be used for any heavy vehicle assessment training.

Signature Witness M.W. Me

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- 14. I have checked my diaries and/or other work related documentation held by myself and Sydney Trucks and Machinery Centre Pty Ltd in the normal course of business, which I believe are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I can state the following:-
- 15. That between 20 July 2012 till 27 July 2012 that the truck bearing registration plate number BIG-358 (NSW) was parked within the property of Sydney Trucks and Machinery Centre Pty Ltd at Smeaton Grange as it was advertised at the time for sale and was on display for potential buyers who may have attend the property to view the truck.
- 16. I am able to state that this vehicle was not used for any driving assessment training between the above mentioned dates.
- 17. On 8 August 2013, Investigator Evarna Hart and Senior Investigator Michael Kane from the Independent Commission Against Corruption ("ICAC") asked me about my knowledge of a number of persons who had been recorded as using my vehicle, registration number BIG-358 (NSW), on various dates between 20 July 2012 till 27 July 2012 for medium and/or heavy truck license assessments. I am able to state the following:-

18. I do not know the following persons:-

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19. Nor have any of these persons ever been given access to my vehicle, BIG358(NSW) at any stage to undertake any medium or heavy truck driving assessments.

20. I would never allow any person not associated with my family or business or without the appropriate class of license to drive any of my vehicles.

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Witness

Michael. W. Kane

Senior Investigator

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