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Via email: sarah.baddeley@martinjenkins.co.nz

Attn: Sarah Baddeley

CC: commission@ssc.govt.nz

Dear Sarah

Re. State Services Commission Inquiry into the Use of External Security Consultants

Further to your letter of 5 October in relation to the above report Scion confirms the following:

- Scion has not engaged Thompson & Clark or any of the listed companies.
- Scion received a proposal in 2015 from Thompson & Clark in relation to security for our Genetically Modified Organism trial. The proposal was made via a presentation from Thompson & Clark and was not accepted. To the best of our knowledge we have not retained a copy of this proposal.
- Security for Scion's Genetically Modified Organism trial is provided by Concord Security (now Advanced Security) using Gallagher systems. Their proposal was approved in 2015 and their systems have been installed and continues to be maintained. [REDACTED]
- Scion received an email from Thompson & Clark in July 2015 advising that one of their Directors had asked them to send their Situation Report bulletins to Scion free of charge. These Situation Reports were unsolicited and offered by Thompson & Clark to Scion on a confidential basis for evaluation purposes. These newsletters continued until the last one received 29 May 2018.
- Scion has corresponded with Thompson & Clark in relation to an Official Information Act request received in relation to our dealings with Thompson & Clark. Scion released the situation reports outlined above in response to this OIA request.
- Scion has no concerns over its limited dealings with Thompson & Clark.
- To the best of our knowledge following internal enquiries Scion has not engaged any other external security consultants for the services described in your letter.
- We have searched our financial systems, contracts database and IT system for the listed organisations and associated keywords and do not hold any additional information.

Redacted on the basis that withholding security details are necessary to prevent unreasonable prejudice to Scion's commercial position (per OIA clause 9(2)(b)(ii)) and enable Scion to carry out without disadvantage commercial activities (per OIA clause 9(2)(i)).

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require further information.

Yours sincerely



Julian Elder
Chief Executive