

THE COMPETITION TRIBUNAL

IN THE MATTER OF the *Competition Act*, R.S.C. 1985, c. C-34, as amended;

AND IN THE MATTER OF an arrangement between HarperCollins Publishers LLC, Hachette Book Group Inc., Verlagsgruppe Georg von Holtzbrinck GMBH, Holtzbrinck Publishers, LLC d/b/a Macmillan, Simon & Schuster Inc. and Apple Inc.;

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application by the Commissioner of Competition pursuant to section 90.1 of the *Competition Act*.

B E T W E E N:

COMPETITION TRIBUNAL TRIBUNAL DE LA CONCURRENCE FILED / PRODUIT Date: March 31, 2017 CT-2017-002 Andrée Bernier for / pour REGISTRAR / REGISTRAIRE	
OTTAWA, ONT.	# 48

THE COMMISSIONER OF COMPETITION

Applicant

- and -

HARPERCOLLINS PUBLISHERS L.L.C., and
 HARPERCOLLINS CANADA LIMITED

Respondents
 (Moving Parties)

RESPONSE OF THE RESPONDENTS
(Request for Leave to Intervene by Rakuten Kobo Inc.)

- Without prejudice to their position in respect of the Tribunal’s jurisdiction in this proceeding, HarperCollins Publishers LLC and HarperCollins Canada Limited (the “**Respondents**”) file this Response pursuant to rule 44(1) of the *Competition Tribunal Rules* (the “**Rules**”) in response to the motion by Rakuten Kobo Inc. (“**Kobo**”) for leave to intervene in this proceeding.

2. The Respondents support Kobo's request to intervene on the matters set out in the Request for Leave to Intervene, dated March 16, 2017.

ALL OF WHICH IS RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

This 30th day of March, 2017



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