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## JCRA OPEN LETTER TO SCAFFOLDERS

The Jersey Competition Regulatory Authority is issuing this open letter to all scaffolding businesses in Jersey to highlight the need for them to consider their obligations under Jersey's competition law<sup>1</sup>. This open letter will also be published on our website: [Jersey Competition Regulatory Authority](#).

### *Introduction*

We are responsible for upholding and enforcing competition law in Jersey. Our aim is that Jersey's markets work efficiently for consumers, businesses, and the wider economy by encouraging innovation, investment, value for money, choice, and quality. This helps make Jersey an attractive place to do business.

As part of our work, we are carrying out a sector review into Jersey's construction sector<sup>2</sup>. Information received through this review has raised concern regarding how businesses may be operating within Jersey's scaffolding market, particularly with regard to price setting.

The purpose of this letter is to raise awareness and encourage compliance with competition law. We are not alleging that any scaffolding businesses have broken the law, however, we would like to hear if you have any concerns or information regarding past, current or potential anti-competitive behaviour in Jersey.

### *Fair competition*

Fair competition in a market ensures consumers can shop around to get good value for their money. Businesses that deal fairly will thrive in a competitive market, growing their customer base and revenues while contributing to a healthy, sustainable economy. It is important that businesses, as well as their trade associations and membership organisations, are aware of and comply with their competition law obligations.

### *Competition law obligations*

All businesses are obliged to comply with competition law, by competing fairly and independently.

Arrangements where businesses agree to act together to restrict or limit competition are prohibited by competition law. These arrangements, sometimes referred to as cartels, include agreeing with each other what prices to charge or agreeing to divide or split a market so that businesses are sheltered from competition.

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<sup>1</sup> [Competition \(Jersey\) Law 2005](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Construction Sector Review | JCRA](#)

Competition law prohibits these arrangements as they harm consumers by raising prices, limiting choice and potentially lowering quality. Additionally, other businesses operating in the same market may be restricted in their ability to grow.

We have a wide range of powers to investigate businesses suspected of breaching competition law. Where breaches are identified, we can order offending agreements and/or conduct be stopped and issue financial penalties to businesses. This may also cause reputational damage to the business and the wider market in which they operate.

Our website contains information and guidance on how businesses may spot and avoid anti-competitive behaviour: [Avoiding anti-competitive behaviour | JCRA](#).

#### *Reporting anti-competitive behaviour*

We operate a leniency policy for any businesses willing to end their participation in a cartel. For more information, see [Leniency Policy | JCRA](#).

If you are concerned about competition in a Jersey's scaffolding market, or have information about past, current or potential anti-competitive behaviour, please contact us in confidence: [competition@jcra.je](mailto:competition@jcra.je) or 01534 514990.

Yours sincerely

The Jersey Competition Regulatory Authority