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JJB is disappointed by the judgment of the Competition Appeal Tribunal

JJB sports plc (“JJB”), notes the judgment of the Competition Appeal Tribunal (“CAT”) regarding the quantum of the penalty assessed upon JJB by the Office of Fair Trading (“OFT”) concerning their investigations into the alleged price – fixing of replica football shirts.

Whilst JJB is pleased to note that the CAT has reduced the OFT penalty from £8.4 million to £6.7 million, it is disappointed in the amount of the reduction and does not believe that it fully reflects the findings made in JJB’s favour by the CAT in the main hearing. At that hearing JJB has been found not guilty of some accusations originally made against it by the OFT and which had been taken into account in their calculation of the £8.4 million penalty.

JJB has today made an application to the CAT for leave to appeal to the Court of Appeal against the CAT’s judgments in relation both to important aspects of their liability judgment and to the quantum of the penalty.