



**IN THE COMPETITION**  
**APPEAL TRIBUNAL**

Case No: 1270/5/7/16

B E T W E E N:

- (1) WESTPOINT GROUP TRADING LIMITED  
(2) FARMVETS SOUTHWEST LIMITED  
(3) GARTH PIG PRACTICE LIMITED  
(4) RETFORD POULTRY PARTNERSHIP LIMITED

Claimants

- and -

- (1) XL FARMCARE UK LIMITED  
(2) XL FARMCARE WESSEX LIMITED  
(3) XL FARMCARE DEVON AND CORNWALL LIMITED  
(4) XL FARMCARE SOUTH EAST LTD  
(5) XL FARMCARE MIDLANDS LIMITED  
(6) XL FARMCARE NORTH LIMITED

Defendants

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**ORDER**

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**UPON** considering the Claimants' request of 9 November 2016 for a stay of the proceedings

**AND UPON** considering the further written observations of the parties

**IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. The Claimants shall serve any Reply to the Defence by 5pm on 18 November 2016.
2. The claim thereafter be stayed for four weeks until 19 December 2016 to allow the parties to engage in settlement discussions by way of mediation.

3. The parties shall notify the Tribunal promptly in writing:
  - a. when a date for the mediation has been fixed; and
  - b. whether the mediation has been successful.
4. Either party may apply to the Tribunal to lift the stay before the expiry of the 4 week period if discussions between the parties are not making satisfactory progress, subject to giving 5 days' written notice to the other parties.
5. Following the end of the stay, if the claim has not been fully settled and the proceedings are to continue, a hearing shall be listed for the first available date after 13 January 2017 for the purposes of hearing the Claimants' application for allocation to the fast-track procedure and for a case management conference.
6. Costs be in the case.
7. There be liberty to apply.

**The Hon Mrs Justice Rose**  
Chairman of the Competition Appeal Tribunal

Made: 11 November 2016  
Drawn: 11 November 2016