

**NOTICE 3177 OF 2003****COMPETITION TRIBUNAL****NOTIFICATION OF COMPLAINT REFERRAL**

The Competition Tribunal gives notice in terms of section 51(3) and (4) of the Competition Act 89 of 1998 as amended, that on 15 September 2003 it received a complaint referral from Yenti Investments (Pty) Ltd T/a Central Board & Timber against Sonae South Africa (Pty) Ltd and Sappi Timber Industries (Pty) Ltd both of which are alleged to be a dominant firm manufacturing board, timber and related products ("the products") and engaged in the wholesale and retail sale, supply and distribution of the products thereof. The Applicant alleges that the Respondents are or had been engaged in anti-competitive behaviour and an abuse of their dominant position by refusing to give the Applicant access to an essential facility and in particular the products; refusing to supply the Applicant with scarce goods; and engaged in prohibited price discrimination in contravention of sections 8(b), 8(c), 8(d)(ii) and 9(1)(a), (b) and (c)(i), (ii), and (iii) of the Competition Act 89 of 1998.

(Case number 47/CR/Sep03)

**The Chairperson  
Competition Tribunal**