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BY FAX AND POST

Mr. Ian McConchie,  
Director/Product Development,  
Tripler Trading Co. Pty. Ltd.,  
62-64 Oakover Road Preston,  
Victoria 3072,  
Australia.

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Dear Mr. McConchie,

I refer to my letter dated 23rd July 1998, and the submission for a ruling of your new method of applying a traditional leather wrap grip (strip) to a wood or iron club, and I regret the delay in getting back to you with our decision.

This matter has been under consideration, and I have been asked to advise you that the sample, as submitted, conforms to the Rules of Golf.

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This ruling has been made on the understanding that the leather strip will be applied in accordance with the Rules, and not in a way which renders the grip moulded for the hands, or which creates any bulges or waists (Rule 4-1c and Appendix II (4-1c)). The edges of the leather strip must be such that there is no considerable overlapping and/or no sizeable gaps between them.

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In any advertisements of the grip you may state that the R&A has ruled that it does not breach the Rules of Golf. However, there must be no other reference to the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews and use of such statements as "R&A Approved" or "R&A Tested" is prohibited.

If you have a query with regard to any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact us again.

We are retaining the sample as a record of this decision.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'C.E. Thomas'.

Ms C.E. Thomas  
Assistant Secretary  
(Implements and Ball Committee)