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By email

Dear Mr Hedge

Authorisation AA1000398 – Central and Macquarie Mereenie — request for material to be excluded from the public register

I refer to your submission of 1 February 2018 in relation to your application for authorisation lodged with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) on 4 October 2017.

I have considered your request that the confidential version of your submission and supporting internal or commissioned documents which are confidential to the Applicants regarding the appraisal drilling program and the need for joint marketing be excluded from the public register.

As you are aware, the ACCC is generally required under section 89 of the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* (the Act) to place documents provided to it in relation to an application for authorisation on its public register. The Act provides that a person submitting a document in relation to an authorisation application may request that the document or parts thereof be excluded from the public register by reason of the nature of certain information contained in the document.

As a person authorised to make a decision for and on behalf of the ACCC in relation to such a request, I advise that these attachments will not be placed on the public register.

I note that you provided a public version of your submission. This will be placed on the public register in the form it was provided to the ACCC.

This letter has been placed on the ACCC's public register.

Should you have any queries in relation to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Theo Kelly on (02) 6243 1179.

Yours sincerely

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