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Dear Mr McCracken-Hewson

**Application for Authorisation on behalf of members of the Australian Engineered Stone Advisory Group (AESAG) (AA1000461-1): Withdrawal of interim application**

We refer to the AESAG members' (**Members**) application for authorisation lodged on 29 November 2019 (**Application**), and in particular to the Members' application for interim authorisation from the ACCC (**Interim Application**).

The Members sought Interim Authorisation by February 2020 and have set out their reasons in the Application and letter to the ACCC dated 20 January 2020.

The Members acknowledge there have been a number of submissions made by third parties before the ACCC's draft decision.

The Members are preparing a supplementary submission seeking to address the key issues raised by interested third parties. They appreciate that this may require further consultation by the ACCC with interested third parties.

In the circumstances, the Members consider that it would be appropriate to provide the ACCC with additional time to consider the issues raised within those submissions, as well as the Members' responses, as part of its consideration of the overall application.

Accordingly, the Members seek to withdraw the application for Interim Authorisation.

For the avoidance of doubt, the Members continue to seek authorisation from the ACCC for their substantive Application.

Yours sincerely

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