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Dear Sir/Madam

Collective Bargaining Notification CB10000475 lodged by Premium Milk Ltd—interested party consultation

Introduction

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the **ACCC**) has received a collective bargaining notification from Premium Milk Ltd (**Premium Milk**) on 11 September 2020. Broadly, Premium Milk proposes to negotiate collective arrangements for the supply of raw milk to Lactalis Australia Ltd, Dairy Farmers Milk Cooperative/Lion, Norco Co-operative Limited, and raw milk wholesalers and distributors, on behalf of its current and future members. Premium Milk has requested the notification last for a period of 10 years.

The purpose of this letter is to invite your comments as a party who may be interested in providing a submission to the ACCC in relation to these arrangements.

Please see the ACCC's publication '<u>Small Business Collective Bargaining Notifications & the Competition and Consumer Act'</u> for a summary of the notification process and how to make a submission to the ACCC.

A copy of the notification is available on the ACCC's public register.

Request for submissions

The ACCC invites you to make a submission on the likely public benefits and the likely effect on competition, or any other public detriment, from the proposed arrangements. Submissions on the notification should be provided by **1 October 2020**. Submissions should be emailed to adjudication@accc.gov.au with the subject "CB10000475 – Premium Milk – submission".

Alternatively, if you would like to provide comments orally, please contact Annabelle Lyons on (02) 6243 3015 or via email Annabelle.lyons@accc.gov.au to organise a suitable time.

Submissions, including oral submissions, will be placed on the ACCC's public register subject to any request for exclusion. Please see the ACCC's publication <u>Guidelines for excluding information from the public register</u>.

Please advise if you do not wish to make a submission at this time, but would like to be informed of the progress of the ACCC's review of the notification. Please nominate a contact email address for future correspondence.

You can also forward this letter to any other party who may wish to make a submission to the ACCC regarding the notification.

This letter has been placed on the ACCC's public register. If you wish to discuss any aspect of this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Annabelle Lyons on (02) 6243 3015 or via email adjudication@accc.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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Director Adjudication

Interested Parties List

Australian Dairy Farmers

Australian Dairy Products Federation

Dairy Australia

Dairy Connect

Dairy Farmers Milk Cooperative/Lion

Dairy Farmers Milk Co-operative/Lion

Industry & Investment NSW

Lactalis Australia

Norco Co-operative

NSW Department of Primary Industries

NSW Farmers Association

Queensland Dairyfarmers' Organisation

Queensland Government Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation