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Subject: RE: Car rental operators at Cairns Airport application for authorisation - updating timeframe for matter [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Dear Danielle

We refer to your email of 17 June 2020.

We regretfully advise that due to the ongoing exceptional circumstances relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Applicants have decided to withdraw their application for Authorisation to collectively negotiate with Cairns Airport Pty Ltd (Authorisation – AA1000460-1).

A copy of this email can be placed on the ACCC's public register.

Kind regards
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Dear Ayman and Mei

As foreshadowed in the ACCC's letter of 8 May 2020, given the exceptional circumstances relating to the COVID-19 pandemic crisis the ACCC will provide an updated timeframe for the application for authorisation lodged by a number of Car rental operators at Cairns Airport by the end of June 2020.

We are seeking an update from the Applicants on the status of the application for authorisation, the current state of individual negotiations between each of the Applicants and Cairns Airport, when the Applicants will respond to the ACCC's information request dated 23 April 2020 and any other information which may be relevant for the ACCC to consider in updating the timeframe for this matter. The ACCC is also seeking an update from Cairns Airport.

Following receiving information from both the Applicants and Cairns Airport, the timeframe for this matter will be updated. The updated timeframe will include when the ACCC will reconvene the pre-decision conference, adjourned on 30 April 2020 following a request from the Applicants, and expected timing for the final determination.

We ask that the Applicants provide an update on the status of the application for authorisation by cob 23 June 2020.

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Regards

Danielle

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