Mr Scott Gregson A/g General Manager Adjudication Branch Australian Competition & Consumer Commission PO Box 1199 DICKSON ACT 2602

Dear Mr Gregson

Thank you for your letter of 31 March 2005 to the Secretary of the Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (the Department) Ms Joanna Hewitt, regarding the application by Agsafe Limited lodged with the Australian Competition & Consumer Commission to revoke authorisation A90871 and substitute it with a replacement authorisation. I have been asked to respond to your letter on behalf of the Department.

The Department supports the application by Agsafe Limited to amalgamate the *drumMUSTER* and ChemClear programs into the Industry Waste Reduction Scheme (IWRS).

The collection and environmentally responsible disposal of unwanted registered agricultural and veterinary (agvet) chemicals, unregistered chemicals and their containers is an important product stewardship program that has many benefits to the environment and the public. In addition to those benefits put forward by Agsafe, the IWRS would reduce the creation of hazardous waste sites by offering farmers a safe method of disposal for these products. The scheme would promote environmentally responsible actions that could assist in educating farmers on waste issues. It would also be more efficient to collect these materials in the same operation rather than in separate collections, thereby reducing transportation and storage costs.

In terms of the potential effect of the proposed arrangement on competition, the Department does not believe there would be any adverse impact.

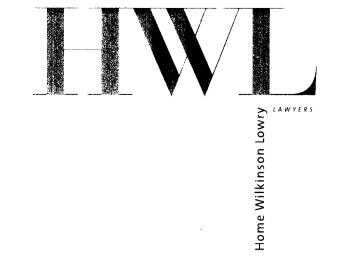
Yours sincerely

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12 April 2005



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Dear Sir,

Proposed Acquisition by H&R GSP Pty Ltd of Bentley Chemplax Pty Ltd

Thank you very much for your letter of 5 April 2005.

As far as H&R GSP Pty Ltd is concerned, would you kindly note that Ronnie Winchester has left Anderson Rice and has all the files with him so that future correspondence should be addressed to him as detailed on this letterhead.

Yours faithfully

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