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Mr Eddie Scuderi Corrs Chambers Westgarth Lawyers Waterfront Place 1 Eagle Street **BRISBANE OLD 4000** 

Dear Mr Scuderi

## CSR Building Products Ltd application for authorisations A90964 and A90965

I refer to the above mentioned applications for authorisation lodged with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) on 29 March and 1 April 2005.

Request for further information

The ACCC is in the process of assessing CSR's applications but requires further information in order to complete its assessment, in particular:

- an estimate of the cost involved in establishing a cartage business for both a clay and brick cartage owner-driver;
- background information on the way in which owner-drivers in both the clay and brick cartage markets have negotiated their contracts in the past, for example, were contract negotiations conducted individually, as part of a group, by a representative body or under some form of regulation; and
- were the terms and conditions of past contracts open to negotiation by owner-drivers.



## Interested party consultations

In addition, the ACCC has received five submissions in relation to CSR's applications from interested parties. Copies of these submissions are enclosed for your information and have been placed on the ACCC's public register.

The ACCC requests that you respond to the above questions and, if you wish, respond to the attached interested party submissions by close of business **Friday**, **27 May 2005**. Responses should be addressed to:

The General Manager Adjudication Branch Australian Competition and Consumer Commission PO Box 1199 DICKSON ACT 2602

Submissions can also be lodged by email to <u>adjudication@accc.gov.au</u>, or by facsimile on 02 6243 1211.

If you have any questions in relation to this letter please do not hesitate to contact Cameron Martin on 02 6243 1107.

Yours sincerely

Scott Gregson

A/g General Manager Adjudication Branch