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25th May 2005

Mr Gavin Jones
Director, Adjudication Branch
Australian Competition & Consumer Commission
GPO Box 520J
MELBOURNE VIC 3001

Dear Mr Jones

I write in response to your letter dated 4th May 2005 (Reference No: GSD 50031) and on behalf of Mr Michael Whillas of the South Australian Oyster Growers Association (SAOGA).

Following please find the additional information as requested in the letter detailed previously:

1. The amount of money collected by SAORC under the levy each year since its establishment:

Year	Money Collected Under Levy
2000	\$37, 666
2001	\$70, 423
2002	\$102, 768
2003	\$125, 008
2004	\$137, 404
2005 (Expected Seed Levies)	\$100, 000 (Conservative Estimate)

2. Specific details of the distribution of monies raised to fund research and development projects identified in SAOGA's submission in support of its applications for authorisation (i.e. amounts spent on each project):

Please refer to the attached profit and loss account for the years ended 30 June 2000 – 2004, specifically the included comments. Excel Document Title: 'SAORC financials since inception (1)'.

3. Details of any other projects, or SAORC operations more generally, funded by the levy, including the amount of funding provided by the levy:

Please refer to the attached profit and loss account for the years ended 30 June 2000 – 2004, specifically the included comments. Excel document title: 'SAORC financials since inception (1)'.

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4. To the extent currently known, specific details of how it is intended that the monies raised by the levy in the future will be spent (i.e. ongoing or planned projects intended to be funded by the levy):

Please refer to the attached 2-year budget for 2005 / 2006 calendar years, specifically the included comments. Excel document title: 'Copy of SAORC financial projections 2005'.

5. Details of instances, if any, where growers have sought refunds of levies paid:

GR Mitchell & Associates is the independent organisation which deals with the collection of spat levies on behalf of SAORC; they have done so since January 2000. Since that time, Mr David Bradely of GR Mitchell is able to confirm, that to their knowledge, no hatchery or other party has requested any refund of levies paid.

I hope that this information is sufficient for your purposes, however if you have any questions or require further information, please feel free to contact me on (08) 8272 3266.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'M. Whillas'.

Michael Whillas
President
South Australian Oyster Growers Association

SAORC financial projections for 2005 & 2006			
Current bank balance as at 29th January, 2005	\$ 86,643.45	Current bank balance as at 29th January, 2006	\$ 34,617.95
Income		Income	
Expected seed levies	\$ 100,000.00	Expected seed levies	\$ 110,000.00
seed levies collected as at 31st October, 2004	\$ 15,152.50		
Focus group workshops	\$ 5,922.00		
Mudworm workshop	\$ 4,000.00		
	\$ 125,074.50		
Income + current bank balance	\$ 211,717.95	Income + current bank balance	\$ 144,617.95
Expenses 2005 (Calendar year- Jan-Dec)		Expenses 2006 (Calendar year- Jan-Dec)	
Mortality project	\$ -	Australia Seafood Industries (ASI) breeding project	\$ 10,000.00
Australia Seafood Industries (ASI) breeding project	\$ 40,000.00	Oyster conditioning project	\$ 25,000.00
Voluntary FRDC levies paid on behalf of the oyster industry	\$ 40,000.00	Chairman honorarium	\$ 5,000.00
Oyster conditioning project with James Cook University	\$ 18,000.00	Newsletter editor	\$ 500.00
Chairman honorarium	\$ 5,000.00	Newsletter printing & posting	\$ 1,000.00
Newsletter editor	\$ 500.00	Printing Husbandry manuals	\$ 10,000.00
Newsletter printing & posting	\$ 1,000.00	Executive Officer	\$ 30,000.00
Executive Officer	\$ 30,000.00	Executive office operating expenses	\$ 5,000.00
Executive office operating expenses	\$ 5,000.00	Leadship training participates (4 participants @ 1600)	\$ 6,400.00
Leadship training participates (4 participants @ 1600)	\$ 6,400.00	Accounting Fees	\$ 3,000.00
Accounting Fees	\$ 3,000.00	PIRSA library subscription	\$ 200.00
PIRSA library subscription	\$ 200.00	SASQAP support	\$ 6,000.00
SASQAP support	\$ 3,000.00	Focus group funding	\$ 10,000.00
SAOGA policy paper	\$ 5,000.00		
ACCC application + legal fees	\$ 18,000.00		
Focus group funding	\$ 2,000.00		
Total Expenses	\$ 177,100.00		\$ 112,100.00
		Current bank balance as at 29th January, 2007	\$ 32,517.95

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN OYSTER RESEARCH COUNCIL PTY LTD

**PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEARS ENDED 30 June 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004**

	NOTE	2004 \$	2003 \$	2002 \$	2001 \$	2000 \$
INCOME						
Fees Received (workshop)		-	-	-	1619	1504
Interest Received		6,944	4,335	1,723	1,392	165
Levies Received		137,404	125,008	102,768	70,423	37,666
Miscellaneous Income		-	157	-	-	-
TOTAL INCOME		144,348	129,500	104,491	73,434	39,335
EXPENSES						
Accountancy Fees		2,495	1,798	1,104	838	270
Advertising & Promotion		2,229	-	-	885	450
Bank Charges		69	41	79	131	91
Computer Expense		-	98	-	-	-
Consultants Fees	1	34,750	-	-	-	-
Depreciation		1,694	777	-	-	-
Entertainment		-	-	211	-	-
Filling Fees		40	300	296	-	-
Hatchery Costs		-	-	-	3,000	-
Honoraria		5,500	-	-	-	-
Insurance		2,517	-	-	-	-
Levies		30,000	-	-	3,164	336
Postage		270	-	-	-	-
Printing & Stationery		3,284	1,837	747	-	-
Provision for Australian Seafood Industry Revaluation		42,000	-	-	-	-
Research Projects		52,626	10,000	12,000	1,347	8,147
Staff Amenities		-	721	-	-	158
Subscriptions		50	462	-	-	-

Superannuation	-	726	-	-	-	-
Telephone	1,005	-	-	-	-	-
Travelling Expenses	4,419	2,674	1,334	-	-	4,000
Training	9,600	-	8,964	-	-	-
Wages	500	7,402	-	-	-	-
Workcover	50	175	-	-	-	-
Workshop Expenses	8,587	-	-	-	-	2,964

TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>201,685</u>	<u>27,011</u>	<u>24,735</u>	<u>9,365</u>	<u>16,416</u>
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OPERATING PROFIT (LOSS) BEFORE INCOI	\$	-57,337	\$	102,489	\$	79,756	\$	64,069	\$	22,919
Income Tax Expense		<u>-57,337</u>		<u>102,489</u>		<u>79,756</u>		<u>64,069</u>		<u>14,668</u>

Extraordinary Items Over (under) Provision of Tax		<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>		<u>-8,251</u>		<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>
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OPERATING PROFIT (LOSS) AND EXTRAORDINARY IT		<u>-57,337</u>		<u>102,489</u>		<u>88,007</u>		<u>64,069</u>		<u>14,668</u>
Retained Profits		<u>256,732</u>		<u>154,244</u>		<u>78,737</u>		<u>14,668</u>		

PROFITS AVAILABLE FOR APPROPRIATION		<u>199,395</u>		<u>256,733</u>		<u>166,744</u>		<u>78,737</u>		<u>14,668</u>
Transfer to Reserves		<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>		<u>12,500</u>		<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>

RETAINED PROFITS	\$	<u>199,395</u>	\$	<u>256,733</u>	\$	<u>154,244</u>	\$	<u>79,737</u>	\$	<u>14,668</u>
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**SCHEDULES TO THE PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 June 2004**

	2004	2003
NOTE	\$	\$

NOTE 1 - Consultants Fees

CEO Fees	28,750	-
PIRSA	6,000	-
	\$ 34,750	\$ -
	\$ 34,750	\$ -