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Michael

I have been asked by Matthew Muggleton, Executive Officer of the South Australian Oyster Research Council, to forward you the attached letter and spreadsheets which provide the additional information requested by the ACCC on the 4th May 2005.

I believe the letter initially sent you by Matthew contained a number of errors – hence the replacement. Please contact me on the following numbers should you have any questions.

Kind Regards

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2nd June 2005

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

I write in response to your letter dated 4th May 2005 (Reference No: GSD 50031). Following, please find the additional information as requested by the ACCC:

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) 8626 6991.

Yours Sincerely

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

Michael Whillas
President
South Australian Oyster Growers Association