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By email

Dear Mr Preston

Applications for Authorisation (A90981, A90982 and A90983) lodged by BHP Billiton Iron Ore Pty Ltd for itself and on behalf of the JW4 Joint Venture Participants

The ACCC has considered applications for authorisation A90981, A90982 and A90983 lodged by BHP Billiton Iron Ore Pty Ltd for the JW4 Joint Venture in respect of agreements relating to the extraction, blending and sale of iron ore from the Pilbara Region Western Australia.

The ACCC has issued a draft determination proposing to grant authorisation for a period of 15 years from commencement of the joint venture.

A copy of the draft determination will also be available on the ACCC's website at www.accc.gov.au (follow the public registers link to the authorisations public register).

Further submissions

The ACCC now invites interested parties to provide a written submission to the ACCC in response to the draft determination. Any submissions should be provided to the ACCC by **27 January 2006**. Submissions will be placed on the Public Register kept by the ACCC.

However, persons lodging a submission with the ACCC may request that information included in the submission be treated as confidential and not placed on the public register. If confidentiality is granted in respect of information the ACCC may take it into account, even though it is not publicly available.



Conference

In accordance with section 90A of the *Trade Practices Act 1974 (Cth)* (TPA), interested parties may notify the ACCC in writing by close of business on **20 January 2006** if they wish the ACCC to hold a conference in relation to the draft determination. The TPA does not allow the ACCC to extend this deadline.

If you require further information please contact Anthony Parker on (02) 6243 1338.

A copy of this letter will be placed on the Public Register kept by the ACCC.

Yours sincerely



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