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Subject: Queensland Office of Gaming Regulation - Response to Application for Authorisation A30243 - Association of Australian Bookmaking Companies Inc

Dear Susan,

I refer to your letter dated 31 March 2006 to Mr Michael Sarquis, Executive Director, Queensland Office of Gaming Regulation (QOGR) regarding the Application for Authorisation A30243 by the Association of Australian Bookmaking Companies Inc (AABC).

QOGR is responsible for maintaining the integrity and probity of the gambling industry, responsible gambling policy and research activities and managing the allocation of funds from the Community Investment Fund. QOGR is responsible for the administration of the Wagering Act 1998 (Qld) [the Act]. Under the Act, UNITAB holds exclusive race and sports wagering licences to conduct totalisator and fixed odds betting in Queensland.

Pursuant to the application QOGR has interest in the activities of intrastate wagering operations. Furthermore, QOGR whilst having no direct interest in the outcome of AABC's ability to negotiate with the Victorian Racing Industry, is never-the-less interested in the application of the Victorian legislation with respect to the use of race fields.

In this regard, QOGR will not be making a submission to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission but would like to remain on the list of interested parties and be kept informed in relation to this application.

With kind regards

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