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Dear Ms Davies

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 Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has issued a determination granting authorisation in respect of the above applications for authorisation lodged on 20 September 2005. A copy of the ACCC's determination is attached.

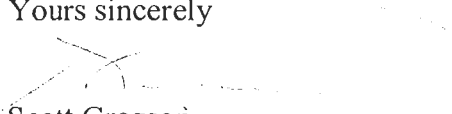
The ACCC has decided to grant authorisation for a period of 15 years from the commencement of the JW4 Joint Venture for the reasons set out in its determination.

Application for review

Pursuant to section 101 of the *Trade Practices Act 1974*, a person dissatisfied with this determination may apply to the Australian Competition Tribunal for its review. An application for review must be made within 21 days of the date of this determination; that is, on or before 22 February 2006. If no application for review is lodged by this date, the ACCC's determination will come into force on 23 February 2006.

This letter will be placed on the ACCC's public register. If you wish to discuss any aspect of this matter please do not hesitate to contact David Hatfield on (02) 6243 1266.

Yours sincerely



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