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Australian Competition and Consumer Commission
PO Box 1199
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Attention: David Hatfield
Director, Adjudication Branch

Dear Mr Hatfield,

APPLICATIONS FOR AUTHORISATION A91009 AND A91010 LODGED BY TARONG ENERGY CORPORATION LIMITED (ABN 52 078 848 736) ("the Applications")

I refer to the Applications.

New Hope Corporation Limited (ABN 38 010 653 844) ("New Hope") and its wholly owned subsidiary, New Acland Coal Pty Ltd (ABN 90 081 022 380) ("New Acland") are parties to the Agreement (as defined in the Applications).

New Hope and New Acland

- (a) request that they be joined as applicants to each of the Applications; and
- (b) seek authorisation for the conduct expressly required or permitted under the Agreement ("the Conduct").

Please confirm that New Hope and New Acland will be joined as parties to the Applications, and that authorisation by the ACCC will apply to the Conduct of New Hope and New Acland.

Please contact Dennis Brown-Kenyon on (07) 3810 0500 should you have any queries.

Yours faithfully,

NEW HOPE CORPORATION LIMITED

PK Mantell
Company Secretary

