

TOURELLO PASTORAL COMPANY

FAX

'TOURELLO LODGE'

2605 Ballarat - Maryborough Rd

Tourello

Vic 3363

ph: 03 5343 4266

Date: 9.5.2007.

fax: 03 5343 4267

To: A.C.C.C.

From: Mr DAVID MYERS.

Attn: Ms. SHARON CLANCY

Fax: 02 62431211

Subject: INTERIM AUTHORIZATION

Number of Pages: 2 (including cover sheet)

ATTENTION

Ms Sharon Clancy.

please find enclosed  
a submission in support  
of Interim Authorization  
in regard to V.P.G.C  
application for authorization  
A 91048

Yours sincerely.

DAVID MYERS.

8<sup>th</sup> May, 2007

The General Manager  
Adjudication Branch  
Australian Competition and Consumer Commission  
PO Box 1199  
DICKSON ACT 2602

*SUBMISSION IN SUPPORT OF INTERIM AUTHORIZATION*

This submission supports the request for interim authorization by the V.P.G.C. until the authorization is finalized.

The indicative timetable suggests a final determination by July / August, 2007. If this happens to be delayed, potato growers will be severely disadvantaged again. The members of the McCain Growers Group need to begin negotiations with McCain Foods for the 2008 supply season for the following reasons;

Contract price determined prior to planting crop.

Seed potato purchases.

Field preparation.

Actual tonnage to be grown.

This also gives security to the company regarding what production tonnage they may expect in 2008.

Growers have serious financial decisions to make in regard to their potato growing operations. As growers we need to look to the future. Supply contracts for the year 2007 were incomplete. The interim authorization, if granted, is too late to have any bearing on the supply year 2007 but is very important for 2008.

As such, on behalf of the McCain Growers Group, I strongly support the application for interim authorization to allow negotiations to commence as soon as possible for the 2008 season.

David Myers

Chairman, McCain Growers Group

