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Mr Lindsay Coombs
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Dear Mr Coombs,

**Re: Construction Material Producers Association application for authorisation A91047
- final determination**

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has issued a determination granting authorisation in respect of the application for authorisation lodged by the Construction Material Producers Association on 5 April 2007.

Authorisation has been granted on condition that the CMPA engages an independent consultant (who was not involved in the development of the owner drivers contracts), with experience in small business contracts, to undertake a review of the owner drivers contract between 6 to 12 months after the owner drivers contract is implemented. This review must consider whether, when looking at the experience of implementing the owner driver contract, the contract can be improved and/or simplified, taking into account the views of interested parties, including the CMPA, relevant owner drivers and the Transport Workers Union. The CMPA must respond to any recommendations made by the review in good faith, and report to the ACCC on the outcomes of the review and the actions taken by the CMPA in response to the review.

A copy of the ACCC's determination is attached. The ACCC has decided to grant authorisation for five years 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 19 September 2007. If no application to review is lodged by this date, the ACCC's determination will come into force on 20 September 2007.

An application for review of the ACCC's determination should be lodged directly with the Australian Competition Tribunal. The Australian Competition Tribunal is a separate body from the ACCC and is located within the Federal Court of Australia.

For further information about the process involved in reviewing decisions in the Australian Competition Tribunal please refer to the tribunal's website located at <http://www.competitiontribunal.gov.au/>.

This letter has been placed on the ACCC's public register. If you wish to discuss any aspect of this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Shane Chisholm on (02) 6243 1252.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Scott Gregson', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Scott Gregson
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