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Dear Mr Armitage

**Softwood Tasmania Joint Venture applications for authorisation A91185 and A91186 –
Determination**

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has issued a determination in respect of the applications for authorisation lodged by Forestry Tasmania, Tasmanian Softwood Fund Pty Ltd and Southern Hemisphere Softwood Strategies (Softwood Tasmania Joint Venture) on 27 August 2009.

A copy of the ACCC's determination is attached, including a summary of its reasons. For the reasons set out in its determination, the ACCC has decided to grant authorisation until 20 August 2019 to align the expiry date of the authorisations granted on 29 July 2009.

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 21 October 2009. If no application to review is lodged by this date, the ACCC's determination will come into force on 22 October 2009.

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 Erin Donohue on (02) 6243 1291.

Yours sincerely

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Dr Richard Chadwick
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