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Dear Ms Crosbie

**Medicines Australia Limited - Applications for revocation and substitution [A91150, A91155-56] and applications for authorisation [A91183-84]
- PRE-DECISION CONFERENCE**

Professor Philip Morris has requested that the Australian Competition & Consumer Commission (the ACCC) convene a conference in relation to the draft determination issued by the ACCC on 16 October 2009 proposing to grant authorisations A91150, A91155-56 and A91183-84.

As you are aware, the draft determination follows applications for authorisation by Medicines Australia Limited (Medicines Australia) in respect of its Code of Conduct edition 16 (Code). The ACCC concluded in its draft determination that it was satisfied that the public benefit flowing from the Code was likely to outweigh any anti-competitive detriment and proposed to grant authorisation to the applications for five years.

A pre-decision conference provides a valuable opportunity for applicants and interested parties to make oral submissions to the ACCC about its draft determination.

The ACCC will hold the conference on **17 November 2009** commencing at 2pm. ACCC Deputy Chair, Peter Kell will chair the conference. The conference will be held via video link in Sydney, Brisbane and Melbourne. Video links may be available from ACCC offices in other capital cities if necessary.

Under the *Trade Practices Act 1974* (the Act), the conference may be attended by the applicant and other interested parties. Please advise the ACCC of the names of Medicines Australia's representatives who will be attending and their position titles, and indicate who


will be the Medicines Australia's chief spokesperson. Please provide this information by **co**
Tuesday 10 November 2009. You should also nominate the city you would prefer to attend.
You can notify by contacting Monica Bourke on monica.bourke@accc.gov.au or by facsimile
on 02 6243 1211.

I would also note that, while conference participants may bring outside legal or other
professional advisers to assist them, the Act prohibits these advisers from participating in
conference discussions.

Attached for your information are procedures usually followed at pre-decision conferences.

A copy of this letter has been placed on the ACCC's public register. If you require any
further information in regard to the conference, please do not hesitate to contact Monica
Bourke on (02) 6243 1351.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'R Chadwick', written over a horizontal line.

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