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Mr. David Hatfield
Director
Adjudication Branch
Australian Competition &
Consumer Commission
GPO Box 3131
Canberra ACT 2601

Dear Mr. Hatfield,

**Tasmanian Farmers and Growers Association (TFGA)
application for re-authorisation A91197**

I refer to your letter of November 16, 2009 regarding the TFGA application for the re-authorisation (revocation and substitution) for collective bargaining by various vegetable grower commodity groups with processors.

McCain Foods confirms it remains an interested party in the application and wishes to be informed of the progress of the application. To assist, such correspondence can be addressed to the writer.

Interim Authorisation

McCain Foods notes the application by the TFGA for interim authorisation to collectively negotiate the terms and conditions of growing contracts with processors and to assist vegetable grower members in the negotiations.

McCain Foods advises that, in order to facilitate any current or proposed collective negotiations by the grower groups, it supports the granting of an interim authorisation for the collective negotiation conduct on the proviso that collective boycott activity is excluded from any authorisation..

Substantive Application

The closing date for submissions on the substantive application is noted. McCain Foods will review the TFGA application and will confirm to ACCC as to whether a submission will be made in regards to the application.

Yours sincerely,

Robin B Cuy
Company Secretary
McCain Foods (Aust) Pty. Ltd.