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Dear Mr Poddar

Port Waratah Coal Services and Newcastle Coal Infrastructure Group applications for authorisation (A91110-A91112) – January progress report

Thank you for providing a copy of the first monthly progress report on the development of a long term solution to the Hunter Valley coal chain capacity issues, in accordance with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission's interim authorisation decision of 17 December 2008.

A copy of the January progress report and Attachments 1 and 2 have been placed on the public register for this matter. I look forward to receiving the second monthly progress report by 13 February 2009.

A copy of this letter will be placed on the public register. Should you have any queries, please contact David Hatfield on 02 6243 1266 (<u>david.hatfield@accc.gov.au</u>) or Jaime Martin (03) 9290 1477 (jaime.martin@accc.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

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