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Mr Daniel Preston
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Dear Mr Preston

**Softwood Tasmania Joint Venture application for authorisation A91120 – A91122
- draft determination**

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has issued a draft determination in respect of the applications for authorisation lodged by Softwood Tasmania Joint Venture on 17 February 2009.

Draft determination

A copy of the ACCC's draft determination is attached, including a summary of its reasons. For the reasons set out in its draft determination, the ACCC proposes to grant authorisation for 10 years.

Next steps

Once the ACCC issues a draft determination, the Applicants or any interested party may request that the ACCC convene a 'pre-decision conference'. A pre-decision conference provides the opportunity for interested parties to make oral submissions in relation to the draft determination. Conferences are conducted informally and while legal or professional advisers are able to attend they are not entitled to participate in the discussion.

If you wish the ACCC to hold a pre-decision conference in relation to the draft determination, you must notify the ACCC in writing by **25 June 2009**.

Alternatively, you are invited to make a written submission in response to the ACCC's draft determination. Submissions should be lodged by **25 June 2009**.

The ACCC will consider any submissions it receives, including any oral submissions made should a pre-decision conference be called, and will then release a final determination in relation to these applications. Submissions will be placed on the ACCC's public register subject to any request for exclusion (guidelines are attached).

Timetable

The ACCC will continue to progress its assessment of the application in a timely manner. An updated indicative timetable is set out below for your information.

DATE	ACTION
17 February 2009	Lodgement of application and supporting submission.
26 February 2009	Public consultation process begins.
20 March 2009	Closing date for submissions from interested parties.
6 April 2009	Meeting with GMORR on behalf of the JV Participants.
11 June 2009	Draft determination issued
25 June 2009	Deadline to request a pre-decision conference and to provide submissions in response to the draft determination.
July 2009	Pre-decision conference, if called.
July 2009	Final determination

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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