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Dear Mr Fitzpatrick

**Woodside Energy Limited and Benaris International Pty Ltd - application for
authorisation A91157 - request for interim authorisation**

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has decided to grant interim authorisation in respect of the application for authorisation lodged by Woodside Energy Limited and Benaris International Pty Ltd (the applicants) on 24 July 2009. A copy of the ACCC's decision is attached.

Interim authorisation protects the arrangements for which authorisation is sought from legal action under the relevant provisions of the *Trade Practices Act 1974* while the ACCC considers and evaluates the merits of the application.

Next steps

The ACCC is proposing to release a draft determination responding to application A91157 in the near future. This draft determination will take account of any submissions from the applicants and interested parties previously provided to the ACCC in respect of application A91135. The ACCC will give both the applicants and interested parties the opportunity to provide a further submission on the draft determination before the ACCC issues its final decision.

As noted in the attached decision, the ACCC may review its decision on interim authorisation at any time. The ACCC's decision in relation to interim authorisation should not be taken to be indicative of whether or not final authorisation will be granted by the ACCC.

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 John Rouw on (03) 9290 1402.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Richard Chadwick'.

Dr Richard Chadwick
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