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By email: murray.deakin@middletons.com

Dear Mr Deakin

**North West Iron Ore Alliance application for authorisation
- interested party consultation**

I refer to the above mentioned application for authorisation lodged with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) on 4 February 2010.

Please find enclosed, for your information, a copy of the letter the ACCC sent recently to potentially interested parties as part of its public consultation process.

All publicly available submissions will be posted on the ACCC internet site at www.accc.gov.au. The ACCC will endeavour to provide you with a copy of all publicly available submissions as they are received during the consultation period.

Timetable

As the NWIOA has requested, the ACCC will assess the application for collective bargaining authorisation according to the new streamlined process. An indicative timetable is set out below for your information. Please note that the closing date for the NWIOA's response to any issues raised in the public consultation process is **19 February 2010**.

4 February 2010	Lodgement of application and supporting submission.
5 February 2010	Public consultation process begins.

12 February 2010	Closing date for submissions from interested parties.
12 February 2010	Closing date for submissions on interim authorisation.
19 February 2010	Applicant responds to issues raised in the public consultation process.
March 2010	ACCC decision regarding interim authorisation.
March 2010	Draft determination.
March/April 2010	Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called.
April/May 2010	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 Lauren Roy on (03) 9290 1823.

Yours sincerely



Dr Richard Chadwick
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