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By email

Dear Madam/Sir

Australasian Performing Right Association Ltd application for revocation and substitution A91187 to A91194 and A91211 - interim authorisation decision

On 1 March 2010 the Australasian Performing Right Association Ltd (APRA) lodged a request with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) for interim authorisation in respect of its application for revocation and substitution of authorisations for arrangements concerning the acquisition and licensing of performing rights in Australia.

APRA requested interim authorisation because the existing authorisation of these arrangements expires on 30 March 2010.

The ACCC has decided to grant interim authorisation. 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.

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.

The ACCC expects to issue a final determination in respect of APRA's application in early April.

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

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