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Dear Mr McDonald

North West Shelf joint venture partners' applications for authorisation (A91220-A91223) — interested party submissions

I refer to the above applications for authorisation lodged with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) on 31 March 2010.

As you are aware, on 6 April 2010 the ACCC wrote to interested parties seeking submissions in relation to the applications. The ACCC requested submissions be provided by 30 April 2010.

To date, the ACCC has received public submissions from the following interested parties:

1. Alcoa
2. DomGas Alliance
3. Synergy.

Please find a copy of these submissions enclosed. The ACCC has also been advised that it can expect to receive two further submissions from interested parties by the end of this week. I will arrange for you to be provided with any late public submissions as soon as possible after receipt.

All publicly available submissions will also be posted on the ACCC's website at www.accc.gov.au/AuthorisationsRegister.

To assist the ACCC's timely consideration of these applications, please provide any response to the issues raised by interested parties by **Friday, 21 May 2010**.

Finally, I would like to advise that Jaime Martin will also be assisting Simon Mitchell and myself on this matter.

This letter has been placed on the ACCC's public register. If you wish to discuss any aspect of this matter, please contact me on (02) 6243 1266 (david.hatfield@acc.gov.au), Jaime Martin on (03) 9290 1477 (jaimemartin@acc.gov.au) or Simon Mitchell on (03) 9290 6909 (simon.mitchell@acc.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



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