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Dear Mr Hughes

Applications for authorisation A91238 – A91240 lodged by DP World Australia Limited and Patrick Stevedores Operations Pty Ltd - request for interim authorisation

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has decided to grant interim authorisation in respect of the applications for authorisation lodged by DP World Australia Limited and Patrick Stevedores Operations Pty Ltd on 2 July 2010. 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 applications.

Next steps

For your information, the next step in the process is for the ACCC to release a draft determination which will take account of any submissions from the applicants and interested parties and will indicate the ACCC's preliminary views on the merits of the applications. 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. In this regard the ACCC will reconsider this decision at the time of issuing its draft determination. 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 Sharon Clancy on (02) 6243 1217.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'R Chadwick', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dr Richard Chadwick
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