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Dear Dr Chadwick

Re: Request for extension of period for ACCC's consideration of application for authorisation of the GMiA Code of Practice

Thank you for the opportunity to meet on 2 September 2010 with representatives of ACCC to discuss the draft ACCC determination concerning the GMiA Code of Practice.

As a result of these discussions, GMiA would like to request an extension of six weeks to the period for ACCC's consideration of application for authorisation of the GMiA Code of Practice. This would create a new deadline for final determination of mid November 2010.

GMiA requests the extension of period to provide sufficient time for members of GMiA to provide ACCC with the additional information discussed at our meeting on 2 September. It is expected that it may take up to three weeks for members of GMiA to have this information available for ACCC. As there may be some need for questions of clarification pertaining to the further information to be provided by GMiA, GMiA suggests a total of a six week extension of period.

As the information to be provided by members of GMiA may have an important bearing on the deliberations of the ACCC, the extension of period is sought to ensure that the ACCC has the benefit of all relevant information before making its final determination.

GMiA notes that the information requested by ACCC is of a highly commercially sensitive nature and members of GMiA will also necessarily need to gain assurances from the ACCC that the information to be provided would be treated with complete confidentiality. The requested extension of period will also allow GMiA to ensure that appropriate precautions are put in place by the ACCC such that the information provided by members will not be recorded or retained by the ACCC and will only

used for the purposes of ACCC deliberation on the granting of authorisation of the GMiA Code of Practice.

Kind regards,

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Kate Lynch

Chief Executive Officer

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