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Dear Mr Westmoreland

**Air New Zealand on behalf of Star Alliance applications for authorisation
A91300 – A91306 – final determination**

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the **ACCC**) has issued a determination in respect of the application for authorisation lodged by Air New Zealand on behalf of Star Alliance (**Star Alliance**) on 23 April 2012.

Star Alliance sought authorisation of its Corporate Plus, Conventions Plus and Meetings Plus Programs (the **Programs**). The Programs cover arrangements between Star Alliance members to jointly offer competitive fares and discounts to corporate customers and conference organisers under one contract.

A copy of the ACCC's determination is attached, including a summary of its reasons. For the reasons set out in its determination, the ACCC has decided to grant authorisation for eight years. The ACCC's assessment is set out in chapter 3 of its determination.

Application for review

Pursuant to section 101 of the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010*, a person dissatisfied with this determination may apply to the Australian Competition Tribunal for its review. An application for review must be made within 21 days of the date of this determination; that is, on or before 15 August 2012. If no application to review is lodged by this date, the ACCC's determination will come into force on 16 August 2012.

An application for review of the ACCC's determination should be lodged directly with the Australian Competition Tribunal. The Australian Competition Tribunal is a separate body from the ACCC and is located within the Federal Court of Australia.

For further information about the process involved in reviewing decisions in the Australian Competition Tribunal please refer to the tribunal's website located at <http://www.competitiontribunal.gov.au/>.

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 Megan Cunningham on (03) 9290 1856.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D Jones', with a stylized flourish at the end.

David Jones
Director
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