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Dear Dr Chadwick

**RE: ETIHAD AND AIR BERLIN APPLICATIONS FOR AUTHORISATION  
A91307 & A91308 - CLARIFICATION OF ITERIM AUTHORISATION**

Thank you for your email dated 24 May 2012 attaching a copy of the ACCC's response to our letter dated 17 May 2012.

We note the ACCC's confirmation that the interim authorisation extends to cover the 'Future Initiatives' as described in the application.

In relation to the term 'Future Initiatives' as defined in our 26 April 2012 submission, the wording 'explore the possibility of forming and implementing collaborative arrangements ...' is taken from clause 2.5 of the Commercial Co-operation Agreement.

In order to remove any doubt, the application is intended to cover the implementation of all of the Alliance Activities as defined on page 4 of the submission, including Future Initiatives.

We consent our letter dated 17 May 2012 and this letter being placed on the ACCC's public register.

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Should you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Stephen Corones'.

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