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Via email: matthew.bull@hsf.com

Dear Mr Bull

Applications for authorisation A91350-A91351 lodged by Endocoal Ltd and other Queensland coal producers – interested party consultation

I refer to the above mentioned applications for authorisation lodged with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) on 7 December 2012.

Please find enclosed, for your information, a copy of the letter the ACCC sent today to potentially interested parties as part of its public consultation process.

All publicly available submissions will be posted on the ACCC internet site at www.accc.gov.au/AuthorisationsRegister. Alternatively, at the end of the consultation period the ACCC can arrange for you to receive a copy of all publicly available submissions received in relation to the application.

Timetable

The ACCC will progress its assessment of the application in a timely manner. An indicative timetable is set out below for your information.

7 December 2012	Lodgement of application and supporting submission, including request for interim authorisation.
20 December 2012	Public consultation process begins.
21 January 2013	Closing date for submissions from interested parties on interim authorisation and substantive

	application for authorisation.
January 2013	Applicant responds to issues raised in the public consultation process.
February 2013	Draft determination and ACCC decision regarding interim authorisation.
February/March 2013	Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called.
April 2013	Final determination.

This letter has been placed on the ACCC's public register. If you wish to discuss any aspect of this matter, please contact Michael Drake on (03) 9658 6517 (or at Michael.Drake@acc.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



David Hatfield
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