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By email

Dear Interested Party

**Re: Narta International Pty Ltd application for authorisation A91335
- PRE-DECISION CONFERENCE**

Narta International Pty Ltd (Narta) has requested that the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) convene a conference in relation to the draft determination issued by the ACCC on 17 January 2013 proposing not to grant authorisation A91335.

The draft determination follows an application by Narta for authorisation in respect of a proposal to set a minimum advertising price on a range of consumer electrical goods. The ACCC concluded in its draft determination that overall it was not satisfied that the public benefit likely to flow from the proposed arrangements would outweigh the likely anti-competitive detriment and proposed to deny authorisation to the application. A copy of the application and draft determination can be found on the ACCC's website <www.accc.gov.au/AuthorisationsRegister>.

A pre-decision conference provides a valuable opportunity for applicants and interested parties to make oral submissions to the ACCC about its draft determination.

The ACCC will hold the conference on **15 February 2013**, at the ACCC's Sydney office at Level 20, 175 Pitt Street, Sydney. The conference will commence at 10:30am. ACCC Commissioner, Dr Jill Walker, will chair the conference.

Under the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* (the Act), the conference may be attended by the applicant and other interested parties. If you wish to attend, you must notify the ACCC of your intention by **close of business on 8 February 2013** and briefly indicate why you or your company or organisation has an interest in the matter. Notifications must be in writing and addressed to:

The General Manager
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You can also notify the ACCC by e-mail to: adjudication@accc.gov.au or by facsimile on 02 6243 1211.

You should provide details of a contact name, telephone number, mailing address and, if possible, a facsimile number or e-mail address so that you can be notified of any late changes to conference arrangements.

If you represent a company or organisation you should also provide a list of attendees and their position titles, and indicate who will be the chief spokesperson.

I would also note that, while conference participants may bring outside legal or other professional advisers to assist them, the Act prohibits these advisers from participating in conference discussions.

Attached for your information are procedures usually followed at pre-decision conferences.

A copy of this letter has been placed on the ACCC's public register. If you require any further information in regard to the conference or wish to clarify whether you may be considered an 'interested person' within the terms of the Act, please do not hesitate to contact Jasmine Tan on 02 6243 1363.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Richard Fleming', with a stylized, wavy line extending from the end.

Richard Fleming
Acting General Manager
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