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Dear Mr Fuchs

**Holcim (Australia) application for authorisation A91377
- interim authorisation and interested party consultation**

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has decided to grant interim authorisation to enable Holcim to continue to operate its allocation system and minimise disruption while the ACCC assesses the substantive application. Interim authorisation can be reviewed at any time and should not be taken to be indicative of whether or not final authorisation will be granted by the ACCC. A copy of the ACCC's decision is attached.

The ACCC has also written out to a number of potentially interested parties, seeking submissions on Holcim's substantive application for authorisation. Submissions are due by 22 July 2013.

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 this application in a timely manner. An indicative timetable is set out below for your information.

19 June 2013	Lodgement of application and supporting submission.
27 June 2013	Public consultation process begins.
22 July 2013	Closing date for submissions from interested parties.
August 2013	Applicant responds to issues raised in the public consultation process.
September 2013	Draft determination.
September/October	Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called.
October 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 do not hesitate to contact Michael Drake on (03) 9658 6517.

Yours sincerely

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