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Dear Mr Uthmeyer

**Etihad Airways PJSC & Alitalia applications for authorisation A91468 & A91469
– interested party consultation**

I refer to the above mentioned applications for authorisation lodged with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) on 6 November 2014.

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.

Indicative date	Stage in assessment process
6 Nov 2014	Lodgement of application and supporting submission, including request for interim authorisation.
11 Nov 2014	Public consultation process begins.
28 Nov 2014	Closing date for submissions on interim authorisation and the applications for authorisation.
3 Dec 2014	Applicant responds to issues raised in the public consultation process.
Dec 2014	ACCC decision regarding interim authorisation.
Dec 2014 – Jan 2015	Draft determination.
Dec 2014 – Jan 2015	Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called.
Feb – Mar 2015	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 Tanya Hobbs on 02 6243 1029 or adjudication@accc.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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

Gavin Jones
Director
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