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Dear Madam / Sir

**Association of Professional Engineers, Scientists and Managers Australia
(APESMA) – application for authorisation A91402 – interested party
consultation**

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has received an application for authorisation from APESMA on behalf of translators and interpreters.

APESMA is seeking authorisation to collectively negotiate the terms of engagement on behalf of existing and future members who are independent contractors and provide interpreting and translating services. APESMA is also seeking authorisation to advise translators and interpreters in relation to what constitutes fair rates of pay and other contract terms for services.

The ACCC invites you to comment on the application. Attached is a summary of the authorisation process, including how to make a submission to the ACCC.

A full copy of the application for authorisation is available on the ACCC's website <www.accc.gov.au/AuthorisationsRegister>. Alternatively, you can contact Anna Giannakos on (03) 9290 6920 to obtain a hard copy of the application and submission.

Request for submissions

The ACCC invites you to make a submission on the likely public benefits and effect on competition, or any other public detriment, from the proposed arrangements.

If you intend to provide a submission, please do so by **4 February 2014**. You can email your submission to adjudication@acc.gov.au.

If you would like to provide comments orally, please contact Anna Giannakos on (03) 9290 6920 to organise a suitable time.

Submissions, including oral submissions, will be placed on the ACCC's public register subject to any request for exclusion (guidelines are attached).

Timetable

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

23 December 2013	Application received
8 January 2014	ACCC begins public consultation.
4 February 2014	Closing date for submissions from interested parties.
February 2014	Applicants respond to issues raised in the public consultation process.
March 2014	The ACCC issues its draft determination.
April 2014	The ACCC consults publicly on the draft determination.
May/June 2014	The ACCC issues its final determination.

Please advise if you do not wish to make a submission at this time, but would like to be informed of the progress of the application at the draft and final determination stages.

You can also forward this letter to any other party who may wish to make a submission to the ACCC regarding the application.

This letter has been placed on the ACCC's public register. If you wish to discuss this matter, please contact Anna Giannakos on (03) 9290 6920.

Yours sincerely



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**A91402 - The Association of Professional Engineers and Scientists and
Managers Australia
Interested Party List – Initial Consultation – 8 January 2014**

All Graduates Interpreting & Translating Services
Associated Translators & Linguists Pty Ltd
Auslan Services
Australian Association of Language Companies (AALC)
Consumer Action Law Centre
Consumers Health Forum of Australia
Corporate Language Communications
Department of Health (New South Wales)
Department of Health (Western Australia)
Department of Health and Human Services (Tasmania)
Department of Human Services
Department of Human Services (Victoria)
Department of Immigration and Border Protection
Department of Immigration and Citizenship
Ethnic Interpreters and Translators
Federal Magistrates Court (Australian Capital Territory)
Federal Magistrates Court (New South Wales)
Federal Magistrates Court (Northern Territory)
Federal Magistrates Court (Queensland)
Federal Magistrates Court (South Australia)
Federal Magistrates Court (Tasmania)
Federal Magistrates Court (Victoria)
Federal Magistrates Court (Western Australia)
Federation of Ethnic Community Councils of Australia (FECCA)
International Interpreting Agency
Law Institute of Victoria
Multi Lingual Services Pty. Ltd.
National Accreditation Authority for Translators and Interpreters (NAATI)
Oncall Interpreters & Translators
Portuguese Translations
Professional Interpreting Centre Pty Ltd
Queensland Health
The Australian Institute of Interpreters and Translators (AUSIT)
The Australian Sign Language Interpreters' Association (ASLIA)
The Migration Translators
Victorian Interpreting and Translating Services