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Dear Sir/Madam

## Seedvise Pty Ltd – application for authorisation A91406 – draft determination

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has issued a draft determination in respect of the application authorisation lodged by **Seedvise** Pty Ltd on 17 January 2014.

Seedvise is seeking authorisation to collectively bargain on behalf of participating royalty managers with grain buyers over the terms and conditions on which end point royalties are collected and remitted to royalty managers (i.e. EPR Collection Agreements), including the collection fee paid to the grain buyers.

Please see the ACCC's publication <u>Authorisation process - the basics</u> for a summary of the authorisation process and how to make a submission to the ACCC.

## **Draft determination**

A copy of the ACCC's draft determination is attached.

For the reasons set out in its draft determination, the ACCC proposes to grant authorisation for five years.

## **Next steps**

Once the ACCC issues a draft determination, the Applicant or any interested party may make a written submission and/or request that the ACCC convene a 'pre-decision conference'.

If you wish to make a submission in response to the ACCC's draft determination, please lodge your submission by **29 May 2014**.

A pre-decision conference provides the opportunity for interested parties to make oral submissions in relation to the draft determination. Conferences are conducted informally and while legal or professional advisers are able to attend they are not entitled to participate in the discussion.

If you wish the ACCC to hold a pre-decision conference in relation to the draft determination you must notify the ACCC in writing by **29 May 2014**.

The ACCC will consider any submissions it receives, including any oral submissions made should a pre-decision conference be called, and will then release a final determination in relation to the application.

Submissions will be placed on the ACCC's public register subject to any request for exclusion. Please see the ACCC's publication <u>Guidelines for excluding information from the public register</u>.

## **Timetable**

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

Indicative date	Stage in assessment process
9 January 2014	Lodgement of application and supporting submission.
15 May 2014	Draft determination.
29 May 2014	Closing date for submission on draft determination and to request to the ACCC convene a pre-decision conference.
June/July 2014	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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