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Dear Mr Scuderi

**British American Tobacco & Ors application for authorisation A91550—PRE-  
DECISION CONFERENCE**

I write in relation to your clients' (the Applicants) request that the Australian Competition & Consumer Commission (the ACCC) convene a conference in relation to the draft determination issued by the ACCC on 15 December 2016 proposing to deny authorisation A91550.

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

The ACCC will hold the conference on **Monday, 13 February 2017** at the ACCC's Melbourne office (Level 35, The Tower, 360 Elizabeth St, Melbourne Central). Video link ups to ACCC offices in other capital cities may be able to be arranged on request. The conference will commence at 1pm (AEDT). Commissioner Roger Featherston will chair the conference.

Under the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* (the Act) the applicant and other interested parties may attend the conference. Please advise the ACCC of the names of the Applicants' representatives who will be attending and their position titles, and indicate who will be the Applicants' chief spokesperson. Please provide this information by e-mail to [adjudication@accc.gov.au](mailto:adjudication@accc.gov.au) by **COB Wednesday, 1 February 2017**.

Please 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, please do not hesitate to contact Hannah Ransom on (02) 6243 1255.

Yours sincerely



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