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Dear Mr Guirguis

**LPO Group Ltd & Ors authorisation applications A91583 & A91584 —
interim authorisation decision**

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has decided to grant interim authorisation in respect of the application for authorisation lodged by LPO Group & Ors (Applicants) on 11 May 2017. Interim authorisation commences immediately.

A copy of the ACCC's interim authorisation decision is attached.

Interim authorisation protects the arrangements for which authorisation is sought from legal action under the relevant provisions of the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* while the ACCC considers and evaluates the merits of the application.

As noted in the interim authorisation decision, the ACCC's decision 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.

Next steps

As you would recall, the ACCC originally requested interested parties to provide submissions in relation to the substantive application for authorisation by 6 June 2017. As you are aware, the ACCC has received four submissions from interested parties, which relate to the interim and/or substantive applications for authorisation. The ACCC will provide copies of any further submissions it receives in the future. All publicly available submissions are posted on the ACCC internet site at www.accc.gov.au/AuthorisationsRegister.

If the Applicants wish to comment on the submissions pertaining to the substantive authorisation applications, please do so by **cob 14 July 2017**.

Upon receiving any further submission from the Applicants, the next step in the process will be for the ACCC to release a draft determination which will take account submissions from the Applicants and interested parties and will indicate the ACCC's preliminary views on the merits of the application. The ACCC is currently aiming to release a draft decision in August 2017.

The ACCC will give the Applicants and interested parties the opportunity to provide a further submission on the draft determination before the ACCC issues its final decision.

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 Anna Pound on (03) 9290 6920 (or at anna.pound@acc.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D Jones', with a horizontal line extending from the end of the signature.

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