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By email

Dear Interested Party

Exclusive dealing notification CB10000482 lodged by Capital Brewing and Bentspoke Brewing – Interested party consultation

On 9 August 2010 the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) received a collective bargaining notification from Capital Brewing and Bentspoke Brewing (the **Brewers**). The Brewers intend to lodge a joint bid for the pouring contract at GIO Stadium, Canberra, and have applied for an extended notification period of five years.

Further information about the collective bargaining notification process is provided in the ACCC's <u>Small Business Collective Bargaining Guidelines</u>.

A copy of the notification is available from the ACCC's website.

The protection from legal action afforded by the notification will commence on 23 August 2021. The protection will continue unless or until the notification is revoked or withdrawn. While the notification is in force, the Brewers are able to engage in the collective bargaining conduct as described in the notification without the risk of breaching the cartel or competition provisions of the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* (Act).

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 in relation to this notification, please do so by **27 August 2021.** Submissions should be emailed to exemptions@accc.gov.au with the subject "CB10000482 – Capital Brewing and Bentspoke Brewing - Submission".

Submissions, including oral 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>.

This letter will be placed on the ACCC's public register. If you wish to discuss any aspect of this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mandy Bendelstein on mandy.bendelstein@accc.gov.au or exemptions@accc.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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Competition Exemptions

Interested Parties

Asahi Group Holdings

Lion Pty Ltd

Hospitality Management Australia Pty Ltd