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Dear Mr Schroder

Asciano Response to the ARTC Proposed Extension and Variation to the 2011 HVAU

Asciano welcomes the opportunity to provide comment to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) on the Australian Rail Track Corporation's (ARTC) application to extend and vary the 2011 Hunter Valley Access Undertaking (HVAU).

The ARTC application seeks to extend the term of the 2011 HVAU to 31 December 2016 and amend various sections of the current 2011 HVAU relating to pricing, compliance and transitional arrangements which are affected by the proposed extension.

Asciano supports the extension of the 2011 HVAU Access Undertaking to 31 December 2016 as this extension ensures the ongoing certainty of regulated rail access on the Hunter Valley coal network, although Asciano seeks that all parties use their best endeavours to approve and implement the new 2016 HVAU prior to this date.

If you wish to discuss this letter further please contact me on 02 8484 8056.

Yours faithfully,

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