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Dear Interested Party

JWL Marketing Pty Ltd t/a Weldclass Welding Products (Weldclass) – Conference in relation to the ACCC Draft Notice proposing to revoke the Weldclass resale price maintenance (RPM) notification

Weldclass has requested that the Australian Competition & Consumer Commission (the **ACCC**) convene a conference in relation to the Draft Notice, issued by the ACCC on 28 February 2020, proposing to revoke the RPM notification lodged by Weldclass.

On 4 October 2019, Weldclass lodged an RPM notification proposing to require its distributors not sell its range of WeldForce welding machines and CutForce plasma cutting machines below minimum prices nominated by Weldclass. A copy of the notification and the ACCC Draft Notice are available on the ACCC [Public Register](#).

A conference provides an opportunity for the notifying party and interested parties to make oral submissions to the ACCC about the Draft Notice.

When a conference is requested, the ACCC has an obligation to hold the conference within the time period specified in the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010*. In this case, the ACCC must hold the conference by 9 April 2020. We prefer to hold a conference in a way that enables attendees to attend in person. In the current circumstances, with the spread of COVID-19 and the need to significantly limit social contact, a face to face conference is not possible at this time.

Following consultation with Weldclass, the ACCC has decided to commence the conference before 9 April 2020 but immediately postpone it. The conference will be restarted when it can be held in person with Weldclass and any interested parties that wish to attend.

Once we set a day, time and location to restart the conference, we will contact you and invite you to attend. At this stage it is impossible to know when that will be, but it may be a number of months.

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 contact Simon Bell on (02) 6243 1232 or Tessa Cramond on (03) 9290 6516.

Yours sincerely

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