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Dear Sir/Madam

Collective Bargaining Notification CB10000477 lodged by KIS Transport Australia Pty Ltd—interested party consultation

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the **ACCC**) received a collective bargaining notification from KIS Transport Australia Pty Ltd (**KIS Transport Australia**) on 21 December 2020.

Broadly, the notification was lodged by KIS Transport Australia on behalf of itself, five other freight brokers and any future freight brokers to collectively negotiate agreements with current and future freight carriers. The notified conduct does not include a collective boycott.

KIS Transport Australia has requested the notification last for a period of six years.

The purpose of this letter is to invite your comments as a party who may be interested in providing a submission to the ACCC in relation to these arrangements.

Please see the ACCC's publication <u>Small Business Collective Bargaining Guidelines</u> for a summary of the collective bargaining notification process. Legal protection automatically commences 14 days after the notification is validly lodged, unless the ACCC objects within this period.

A copy of the notification is available on the ACCC's public register.

An indicative timetable for the ACCC's assessment of the notification is set out below.

21 December 2020	Collective bargaining notification lodged.
22 December 2020	Public consultation process commences.
27 January 2021	Closing date for submissions on the notification.
5 February 2021	KIS Transport Australia responds to any issues raised in submissions.
February/March 2021	ACCC decision to either issue a draft notice to revoke the notification or to take no further action and allow the notification to stand.

Request for submissions

The ACCC invites you to make a submission on the likely public benefits and the likely effect on competition, or any other public detriment, from the proposed arrangements. Submissions on the notification should be provided by **27 January 2021**. Submissions should be emailed to exemptions@accc.gov.au with the subject "CB10000477 – KIS Transport Australia – 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>.

Please advise if you do not wish to make a submission at this time, but would like to be informed of the progress of the ACCC's review of the notification. Please nominate a contact email address for future correspondence.

You can also forward this letter to any other party who may wish to make a submission to the ACCC regarding the notification.

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 Tanya Hobbs on (02) 6243 1029 or via email tanya.hobbs@accc.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

Danielle Staltari Director

Adjudication

Interested Parties List

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TOLL Express

Couriers Please

Followmont Transport

Hi-Trans Express

Northline

Hydra Logistics Solutions Australia Pty Ltd

Total Freight Logistic Services Pty Ltd

Transfreight Solutions Australia Pty Limited

KIS Corporate Pty Ltd