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Dear Sir/Madam

Australia New Zealand Industrial Gas Association application for revocation of authorisation AA1000516 and substitution AA1000576 – interim authorisation decision

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has decided to grant interim authorisation with conditions in respect of the application for re-authorisation lodged by the Australia New Zealand Industrial Gas Association (**ANZIGA**) on 13 September 2021.

As you are aware, ANZIGA seeks re-authorisation for continued legal protection to exchange information and to make and give effect to contracts, arrangements and understandings to ensure security of supply of medical oxygen to hospitals and similar medical facilities in the event of significant demand increases or supply constraints during the COVID-19 pandemic (the **Proposed Conduct**). This is the same conduct which received authorisation under existing authorisation AA1000516, and which is due to expire on 30 September 2021.

A copy of the ACCC's interim authorisation decision is attached, and available on the ACCC's [Authorisations Public Register](#).

Interim authorisation commences immediately and will enable the Parties to engage in the Proposed Conduct while the ACCC is considering the merits of the substantive application for re-authorisation.

Next steps

As you are aware, submissions in relation to the substantive application for reauthorisation are due by **7 October 2021**.

Following the closing date for submissions, the next step in the process is for the ACCC to release a draft determination which will take account of any submissions from ANZIGA and interested parties and will indicate the ACCC's preliminary views on the merits of the application.

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

As noted in the attached decision, the ACCC may review its decision on interim authorisation at any time. The ACCC's decision in relation to interim authorisation should not be taken to be indicative of whether or not final authorisation will be granted by the ACCC.

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 Alex Reed on 02 6243 1364.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J Martin", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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