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CONSUMER COMMISSION (ACCC) UNDER
CONDITION 3 OF INTERIM AUTHORISATION
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1. BACKGROUND

On 24 April 2020 the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) granted conditional interim authorisation in respect of application for authorisation AA1000504, lodged by the MCA.

In its decision to grant interim authorisation, the ACCC authorised companies listed in a Schedule of Participants to engage in proposed conduct as set out in paragraphs 10-14 of the decision.

Condition 3 of the decision requires the MCA to provide the ACCC with regular updates on the implementation of the proposed conduct, including any material developments and arrangements, at a frequency agreed with the ACCC.

On 27 August the ACCC made a final determination granting authorisation that requires the MCA to continue providing monthly updates under Condition 3.

This is the eleventh report under Condition 3 which provides an update on critical supply shortages for the mining industry.

2. COMMUNICATIONS AND ACTIONS TAKEN TOWARDS ESTABLISHING MATERIAL ARRANGEMENTS

The MCA has continued to work with miners and METS companies to monitor potential shortfalls of critical supplies and services including respirators of a certification and specification suitable for open cut and underground mining.

No urgent shortages of PPE or other equipment supplies have been reported.

Industry is able to source suitable respiratory masks from two domestic manufacturers in addition to international supply chains.

The availability of masks suitable for specialist applications continues to rely solely on global supply chains.