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Dear Mya

## **Wool Scouring Merger Draft Determination Conference 10 June 2015**

PGGW is a significant player in the New Zealand wool industry, we have 4500 farmer clients and handle and broker 30% of the NZ clip, or 240,000 bales, of wool per annum on their behalf. We also have our own wool exporting business (Bloch and Behrens) that exports 100,000 tonnes of wool each year to offshore customers of New Zealand wool.

I confirm PGG Wrightson is fully supportive of the proposed merger of Cavalier Wool Holdings and New Zealand Wool Services' scouring operations. We see this as an essential step to address overcapacity in the scouring industry now and in the future with declining sheep numbers, retaining scouring capability onshore, and paving the way for further industry consolidation of wool handling facilities.

Yours sincerely

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