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Dear Mr Shirley and Ms Morrissey

Scandinavian Tobacco Group A/S

We refer to the proposed transaction involving Scandinavian Tobacco Group (**STG**) and Swedish Match AB (**SM**), in respect of which the parties have sought clearance from the Commerce Commission (**Commission**) under the *Commerce Act 1986* (**Transaction**).

STG notes that it has also sought informal clearance for the Transaction from the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (**ACCC**).

To align the decision dates of the Commission and the ACCC, STG requests that the Commission extend the timeframe for its decision by 3 weeks to 26 August 2010.

If the Commission requires any additional information or clarification, please contact us.

Yours faithfully
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