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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).

The parties would like to ensure that the decision dates and undertakings in both jurisdictions align. To this end, STG requests that the Commission extend the timeframe for its decision to 6 October 2010. In relation to the proposed decision date, the parties anticipate that if the Commission is able to make its decision before that date, it may do so.

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

Yours faithfully Gilbert + Tobin

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