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FOR PUBLIC RECORD

Dear Sir,

RE: ANTI-DUMPING NOTICE NO. 2018/102

The Victorian Automobile Chamber of Commerce (VACC) is Victoria's peak automotive industry association, representing the interests of more than 5,200 members in over 20 retail automotive sectors that employ over 50,000 Victorians.

VACC members range from tyre dealers, new and used vehicle dealers (passenger, truck, commercial, motorcycles, recreational and farm machinery), repairers, vehicle servicing, parts and component wholesale/retail and distribution and aftermarket manufacture (i.e. specialist vehicle, parts or component modification and/or manufacture), and automotive dismantlers and recyclers. In addition to VACC, its sister organisations – the Motor Trade Associations, represent the automotive industry for their respective states.

In regard to Anti-Dumping Notice No. 2018/102, VACC acknowledges the original purpose of the anti-dumping measures relating to certain aluminium road wheels exported to Australia from the People's Republic of China (China).

These anti-dumping measures were designed to afford protection and sustainability to Australian manufacturers of aluminium wheels, some of which have been VACC members. Regrettably, the closure of Australian car manufacturing operations has resulted in the demise of locally produced aluminium wheels and there are now no manufacturers of aluminium/alloy wheels in existence in Australia.

Given that there is no longer any manufacturing of aluminium wheels being undertaken in Australia, it is VACC's belief that this calls into question the requirement for a continuation of anti-dumping measures. As there is no domestic aluminium wheel manufacturing industry to protect, then it is no longer necessary for anti-dumping measures against Chinese exporters to continue. Ultimately, it is consumers that will benefit from the revoking of anti-dumping measures against Chinese exporters and VACC views this as a positive initiative.

VACC is available to discuss further any aspects of the revoking of anti-dumping measures in this respect.

Kind Regards



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