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Dear Minister

Please find attached a letter in reference to our proposed meeting on 3 June.

I look forward to meeting you on Thursday.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Minister

Thank you for the opportunity to meet with you on 3 June to discuss Orica's application to the Australian Government to export our stockpile of HCB waste to Kommunekemi in Denmark for destruction. As you know, Orica is not a party to this application in Denmark as it is between your Government and the Australian Government under the Basel Convention.

On the basis that Orica is not a party to the import decision in Denmark we have largely left all contact with your Environment Protection Agency (EPA) to the Australian Government. This has been despite the fact that we are totally committed to the destruction of the HCB waste in an environmentally sound manner as prescribed by the Stockholm Convention and that we believe that Kommunekemi has the best available technology to achieve this goal. We further believe that the Australian Government has demonstrated without doubt that there is no available technology to treat the waste in Australia.

Orica was approached by Kommunekemi in late 2008 with a proposal to treat the waste at their plant. We did extensive due diligence on their technology, environmental and safety systems and found them to be the best standard in the world. A contract for the destruction of the waste was then entered into with a value of approximately 10 million Euros or 74 million Kroner at current exchange rates. I understand that 20 full time jobs at Kommunekemi are dependent on this contract.

This is a contract that is of great importance to both companies and I believe both countries. Kommunekemi and Denmark have the best available waste destruction technology in the world. As a country you already import substantial amounts of waste under the Basel Convention and are seen as a world leader in environmental policy and technology.

The waste we have applied to export is a one off stockpile that is stored in a central city location. The local community is extremely supportive of the export. Indeed the export application has the support of the local Government of Botany, the Government of the State of New South Wales and the Federal Government of Australia. Opposition political parties at all levels also support the export. A positive decision will only stand to enhance the already strong relationship between our two countries and highlight Denmark's position as an exporter of green technology solutions.

Orica fully understands the nature of the HCB waste and the emotive nature of the substance. As a company we are committed to packaging and transporting the waste in a world leading manner. Details of this commitment were enclosed in our application to the Australian Government and I believe communicated to your EPA as part of the application process and in the answering of numerous questions over the past 18 months.

Any opposition to this application will likely come from an extremely small number of NGOs that oppose the export from Australia but can offer no viable solution. Only destruction in a well regulated and operated High Temperature Incinerator such as Kommunekemi's will rid Australia of this one off stockpile of HCB waste.

An application was lodged with the Australian Government in November 2008 for the export of the waste to Denmark under the Basel Convention. Orica has responded to numerous questions posed by your EPA via the Australian Government and believe we have satisfied all technical and legal requirements of an application under the Basel Convention.

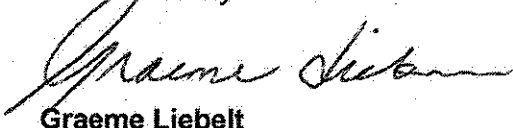
To summarise I would like to reiterate three key points:

- There is international agreement that there is a need to destroy this type of waste by High Temperature Incineration.
- Australia does not have and is never likely to have the technology to destroy the waste and Denmark is a world leader in this technology.
- Orica would have liked to destroy the waste in Australia but unfortunately that option is just not possible.

I have also asked the new Australian Ambassador to Denmark to join us at the meeting and his office will confirm this with you closer to the date.

I am travelling to Copenhagen for the meeting and look forward to a positive discussion.

Yours sincerely



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