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## **STL STORAGE & HANDLING AGREEMENTS - ACCC INTERIM AUTHORISATION FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING**

**Sugar Terminals Limited (STL, NSX:SUG) noted the interim authorisation issued on 27 April by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC), in relation to an application by Queensland Sugar Limited (QSL) seeking authorisation for the collective negotiation of Storage and Handling Agreements with STL by terminal users.**

On 6 April 2017, STL shared its views on the matter via a public submission to the ACCC. STL supported most aspects of QSL's application while arguing that:

- collective negotiations would likely give rise to some, but not all, of the public benefits discussed, and
- a favourable authorisation should be limited to the four Applicants (QSL and those millers who are contracting with QSL to market their sugar and hence access the terminals via QSL's Storage and Handling agreement with STL).

The interim authorisation is in line with STL's submission, a complete version of which is available via the ACCC website.

STL's Chief Executive Officer John Warda said the ACCC decision did not affect STL's expected outcomes, nor its proposed approach to concluding negotiations on the terms of Storage and Handling Agreements with terminal users.

"We welcome the ACCC decision as it provides certainty for terminal users. However, the decision doesn't really change anything for STL. We will continue working constructively with terminal users to agree on storage and handling terms at our bulk sugar terminals", he said.

STL will update the market on progress with its negotiations with terminal users during May.

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