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Automotive Industry Inquiry
Productivity Commission
PO Box 80
BELCONNEN ACT
AUSTRALIA 2616

SUBJECT: PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION SUBMISSION

Numetric Manufacturing is an Adelaide based company that employs 45 people involved in the manufacturing of automotive components. We supply all four Australian car companies and also provide parts for Harley Davison, which are subsequently exported. We have a new purpose built factory and run "State of the Art" N.C. machine technology to provide approximately 100,000 machined metal components per month. Our actual sales exceed \$4 million.

We wholeheartedly support the FAPM and their submission on the ACIS scheme. Numetric is at the forefront of the supplier industry in South Australia and aims to stay there. For this to occur we need to keep abreast of Best World Practice. We need to offer the car companies the price and technology competitiveness that will keep the jobs in Australia.

Numetric has received \$186,194 to date from the ACIS scheme. All of that money has been subsequently used on higher technology machines and processes. Some of our existing processes have been reviewed and we have achieved a sustainable 70% lift in efficiency. We have also employed the latest methodologies and equipment in our Quality Control processes. Our current commitment is to achieve ISO 14001 by December 2002.

Since December 2000 we have purchased new advanced N.C. machines at a cost of \$750,000 and since December 2001 purchased three new advanced N.C. machines at a cost of \$800,000. These three machines are the first of approximately 10 more in the next two years. Numetric is preparing to supply a whole raft of jobs for the motor industry over this 2 year period.

Our commitment to the future of the Automotive Industry is manifestly apparent. The FAPM commitment to this vision is to be applauded and the encouragement and recognition of our industry through the ACIS scheme by the Federal Government offers an important status to our endeavours.

For more information, please visit our website at www.numetricmfg.com.au

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