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CMI OPERATIONS PTY LTD

Subject: PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION-REVIEW OF AUTOMOTIVE POLICY

CMI Operations is part of an Australian public company that is a major component supplier to the automotive industry. In Victoria we have 4 manufacturing plants employing 320 people including plants in the regional entres of Ballarat and Horsham.

As a member of the FAPM we support their submission as the basis of the future development of our businesses and the introduction of new technology. Our company currently has a \$15.0 million investment programme for new plant and equipment to support the new vehicle programmes of Ford, Holden and Toyota and a firm positive future outlook is essential. Over the next 3 years we have a forward plan that envisages a further investment of up to \$11.00 million in new plant and new technologies to support the automotive industry. We also see the current and future benefit of the ACIS PROGRAMME and believe that its continuation is essential to the future growth of our business as we strive to be competitive in a world market.

We look forward to a positive outcome for our industry from this review of the automotive industry.

Regards,

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