

With reference to the request for some detail of the time scale and cost of the accreditation process for Patrick Rail, the following information is provided:

1996

- March to June - initial discussion with Department of Transport NSW and Victoria, to determine the requirements for accreditation and the process.
- June - written application to DoI Victoria for accreditation of Patrick Rail.
- July to Nov - prepare insurances and documentation for initial interview.
- December - interview in Patrick's Sydney head office by Vic and SA Dept of Transport reps to gather initial accreditation material from Patrick.
- 1996 costs - estimated Patrick costs in preparing submissions, attending meetings and interviews approximately \$10,000.

1997

- Jan to April - further written submissions providing additional information, set up contracts for track access and rolling stock, arrange insurances, update training procedures to incorporate rail operations under accreditation.
- 28 April - interim accreditation received from Vic DoI
- 29 April - Patrick Rail operates its first train Adelaide to Melbourne
- May to Oct - further documentation and meetings re final accreditation
- November - audit procedures at Patrick's Melbourne Rail Terminal
- 1997 Costs - estimated Patrick costs in preparing submissions, attending meetings and audits approximately \$18,000

1998

- Jan to May - provide additional documentation following the result of the November audit. Review rail procedures and submit regular rail safety reports to DoI
- June - final audit at Patrick's Melbourne Rail Terminal. Written request for mutual recognition in SA to Vic DoI. Seminar regarding Rail Safety regulations to be implemented later in 1998.
- September - letter received from DoI advising that Patrick has been accredited and will receive its certificate of accreditation. Scale of fees also received.
- November - transport (Rail Safety) Regulations gazetted
- 1998 Costs - estimated Patrick costs in preparing submission, attending meetings and audits approximately \$11,000

1999

- January - certificate of Accreditation for Victoria received. Scale of fees indicates \$5,000 application fee and \$5,000 annual fee and requires submission from Patrick. Mutual recognition will be progressed by Vic DoI when a list of documentation is provided by Patrick. We prepare for the process again and consider application for mutual recognition in NSW to hopefully short cut the process.
- 1999 Costs - fees \$10,000, salaries to date \$1,500

In seeking accreditation in several states, there is different legislation in each state and different fee scales. The process of documentation, audit reviews and incident reporting requires an ongoing input from the rail operator and ongoing cost. Patrick still maintains that establishment of a single Rail Safety organisation would provide uniform requirements and fee scales and would provide more sensible direction to interstate rail operators.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this submission to the Inquiry and if further information is required please do not hesitate to call.

Yours sincerely

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