IN THE SUPREME COURT OF VICTORIA AT MELBOURNE COMMERCIAL AND EQUITY DIVISION **COMMERCIAL COURT** 

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IN THE MATTER OF TIMBERCORP SECURITIES LIMITED (IN LIQUIDATION) (ACN 092 311 469)

TIMBERCORP SECURITIES LIMITED (IN LIQUIDATION) (ACN 092 311 469) IN ITS CAPACITY AS RESPONSIBLE ENTITY OF THE 2004 TIMBERCORP CITRUS PROJECT (ARSN 108 887 538) AND THE 2005 TIMBERCORP CITRUS PROJECT (ARSN 114 091 299) AND ORS ACCORDING TO THE SCHEDULE **Plaintiffs** 

## CERTIFICATE IDENTIFYING EXHIBIT

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Exhibit "MAK-10"

Letter from Jane Sheridan to Chris Day dated **15 November 2010** 

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Mr Chris Day Chief Executive Officer Food and Beverage Australia Limited PO Box 719 Unley SA 5061

Dear Sir

## **Timbercorp Citrus Project**

We refer to the meeting held on 9 November 2010.

As you know, Timbercorp Securities Limited (In Liquidation) ("TSL") is currently the responsible entity of the 2004 Timbercorp Citrus Project and the 2005 Timbercorp Citrus Project (collectively, "Projects") and we act for the liquidators of TSL ("Liquidators').

We understand that your assistant was taking the minutes for the meetings of the Projects held on 14 September 2010, 14 October 2010 and 9 November 2010. So that the Liquidators may ensure that TSL complies with its statutory obligations, would you please provide to us a copy of the minutes of each meeting, together with a copy of each of the resolutions passed at those meetings. Would you also please let us know if Food and Beverage Australia Limited ("FABAL") has consented or will consent to becoming the responsible entity for each of the Projects and, if so, provide to us that consent in writing.

We note, in this regard, that upon being registered as the new responsible entity, the rights, obligations and liabilities of TSL as the former responsible entity in relation to the Projects will become rights, obligations and liabilities of FABAL. The Liquidators had hoped to discuss with you at the meeting which had been convened for 1 October 2010 some of the liabilities of which the Liquidators are aware that would be assumed by FABAL.

The rights, obligations and liabilities to be assumed by FABAL as the new responsible entity will include rights, obligations and liabilities under the Crop Sale Agreement and leasing arrangements for each Project.

As you are aware, under the Crop Sale Agreements, on the appointment of a new responsible entity, the land owner and citrus grove manager are entitled to elect to terminate the crop sale arrangements and seek payment of the amounts owing to them for the provision of the land and management services respectively.

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The current leasing arrangements for the land include a lease from the land owner to Timbercorp Limited (In Liquidation) ("Timbercorp"), a sub-lease from Timbercorp to the responsible entity and a licence agreement between TSL and the growers. However, Timbercorp does not have sufficient funds to pay the rent owing under the lease to it and the Liquidators believe that the lease will therefore be terminated.

Under the terms of the sub-lease of land from Timbercorp to the responsible entity, if the lease to Timbercorp is terminated, the land owner effectively "steps in" to the sub-lease in place of Timbercorp. The land owner then directly leases the land to the responsible entity and the responsible entity is responsible for paying the full amount of the rent previously payable by Timbercorp. This rent is not limited to the amount of the licence fees collected by the responsible entity from growers and is payable quarterly in advance.

On the basis of the information currently available to the Liquidators, these liabilities (assuming the land owner and manager elect to terminate the crop sale arrangements) may be estimated as follows (excluding GST):

Description	2004 Project (\$)	2005 Project (\$)	Total (\$)
Use and occupancy fee to 22 November 2010	845,164	383,924	1,229,088
Rent from 22 November 2010 to 30 June 2011	1,318,933	589,404	1,908,337
Management fees to 22 November 2010	-	171,000	171,000
Estimated management fees from 22 November 2010 to 30 June 2011	92,000	543,000	635,000
TOTAL	2,256,097	1,687,328	3,943,425

You should note that these are estimates only and that the Liquidators make no representations or warranties as to what the actual amounts will be.

The Liquidators have been notified that the receivers and managers of the land owner have taken out crop insurance for the benefit of growers and that the receivers and managers will be seeking reimbursement of the premium of \$78,759 which has been paid. In addition, the new responsible entity may be required to lease a packing shed for use in the Projects. The Liquidators are unable to quantify at this time what the costs of leasing a packing shed will be.

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There will, of course, be other rights, obligations and liabilities assumed by FABAL and the estimates set out in this letter are not definitive of the total liabilities assumed by the new responsible entity and are intended only as a guide to assist FABAL.

The Liquidators remain willing to meet with you to discuss the transition of the responsible entity role.

Yours faithfully

Jane Sheridan

Partner