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By email: chambers.hatcher.vp@fwc.gov.au; amod@fwc.gov.au

Dear Vice President Hatcher,

**RE: AM2016/36 – 4 yearly review of Modern Awards
SDA Claim for blood donor and bone marrow leave
Extension of Time Request**

Over the last month, we have been conferring with each of the parties in relation to the SDA's application. In these discussions, we had tried to reach consensus with parties opposing our claim without success. Discussions with some of the parties opposing our claim have not yet concluded.

In light of the above, we kindly request an extension of time to the filing of our written submission from Thursday, April 13th to Friday COB, May 14th.

We have notified the parties of our intention to request an extension of time. In discussions with some of the parties, they have advised us that they don't envisage any major objection to our request. However, they will appreciate the same extension of time with respect to their submissions in reply due Friday, June 16th with subsequent dates in the directions issued January 17th to be revised with an adjournment of the mention/directions hearing and hearings to a later date.

We had highlighted to His Honour and the parties present in the hearing held in January that we would most likely be in a better position to provide proper submissions with all the relevant evidence by May.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused and appreciate His Honour's patience and assistance.

If you have any further queries in relation to the above, please do not hesitate to contact Mauro Moretta of our office on (03) 9698 1400 or 0400 524 222.

Yours sincerely,



Julia Fox
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