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Dear Adelaide Brighton shareholder,

On 12 May 2004, the ACCC announced that it would oppose Boral Limited's (Boral) takeover of Adelaide Brighton Ltd (ABL). This was quickly followed by an announcement from Boral that it was considering its position.

At the time of writing to you, no further announcement has been made by Boral.

The Directors of ABL (Directors) that same evening discussed the matter and released a recommendation to ABL shareholders who had accepted the offer that they should withdraw their acceptance of the offer. Withdrawing your acceptance allows you to deal freely with your shares.

If you have any questions in relation to the withdrawal of your offer, please call our shareholder information service on 1800 339 522.

The Directors do not consider that Boral's offer can proceed in the absence of a successful challenge to the ACCC decision.

The Directors are monitoring developments carefully and will advise you of any further recommendation. In the meantime, the Directors and management team remain focussed on operating the company's business.

I look forward to seeing as many shareholders as possible at the Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 25 May 2004, at the Hyatt Regency Adelaide, North Terrace, Adelaide at 11.00 am.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Malcolm Kinnaird".

Malcolm Kinnaird AO
Chairman