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Dear Mr Bird *Mike*

Application for Capacity Allocation – Thailand

V Australia seeks a Determination from the Commission to permit it to operate seven weekly services between points in Australia and points in Thailand utilising 361 seat B777-300ER aircraft. We propose to progressively introduce these services and fully utilise the capacity by 1 April 2010.

Allocation Sought

V Australia requests an allocation of seven frequencies each way each week on the Thailand route on the following basis:

- The capacity will be utilised by V Australia
- The allocation is requested for a period of five years from the date of the Determination of the Commission.
- The capacity will be fully utilised from 1 April 2010.

IASC Act and Policy Statement Considerations

We request the Commission consider this application against the general criteria for assessing the benefit to the public in Paragraph 4 of the Minister's Policy Statement.

The Paragraph 4 criteria provides that the use of entitlements by an Australian carrier under a bilateral air services agreement is of benefit to the public, provided that the carrier is reasonably capable of obtaining the necessary approvals and implementing the proposal.

We would be pleased to provide any further information the Commission may require in support of this application.

Yours sincerely

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