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ACCC not totally friendly with OneSteel and Smorgon's friendly merger

IT WOULD have come as no great surprise to the protagonists in the proposed friendly merger of OneSteel and Smorgon Steel that the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission has some "issues".

Putting two of the nation's three big steel makers together was always going to be rigorously scrutinised

Indeed, while the companies may have been a little surprised by the nature of some of the ACCC's concerns and the weight it has attached to them, the areas the commission has targeted were generally issues the companies had themselves identified and tried to address.

The merger is one of a relatively small number of the multitude of transactions the ACCC looks at where it applies an increasingly formal and structured approval process. The common features of these



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deals is that they tend to be large and involve concentration of market power and presence in markets where consolidation has left few participants.

Toll/Patrick, Barloworld/ Wattyl, Alinta/AGL and Tabcorp/UNiTAB are recent illustrations of the ACCC's developing approach to dealing with sensitive transactions.

In the aftermath of the Toll/ Patrick merger, where there has been some downplaying by Toll of the effects of the undertakings the ACCC imposed as the price of approval for the deal, the commission has been discernibly more rigorous and cautious about "green-lighting" big deals.

Its market soundings are becoming more comprehensive and questioning.

That could be regarded as part of the learning process that has occurred with the introduction of a revised merger clearance process under Graeme Samuel's chairmanship which seeks to provide greater certainty and transparency for all the interested parties.

It also aims for greater timeliness, with an informal objective of completing even the major reviews within about eight weeks.

The detailed statements on issues of concern, and those that may raise concerns, are

designed to flush out responses, not just from the parties directly involved, but also by those who might ultimately be affected by

The commission, perhaps stung a little by the Toll/Patrick fallout, is going to even greater lengths to try to ensure that it isn't subsequently embarrassed by having to try to unscramble an omelet because it either hasn't properly understood or taken the appropriate action to deal with potentially anticompetitive outcomes.

In the OneSteel/Smorgon case, the commission has not surprisingly focused on the merging of the companies' long steel product range. If it allows the merger, it will be relying on imports to discipline the merged group's behaviour.

It is also concerned the merged group would be vertically integrated and that it

would not only be the major supplier of grinding media but the only domestic manufacturer of the steel bar used to make grinding media

The merged group's dominance in acquiring and supplying scrap metal in NSW was another issue flagged.

Ultimately, those concerns could be assuaged, and may well be assuaged, by a persuasive argument from the participants that imports which have grown rapidly in recent years and in some markets hold the dominant share will, in fact, discipline behaviour.

One of the stated reasons for the merger was the consolidation of the steel industry in our region and the emergence of players with massive scale and capabilities that either sell into this market or that could sell in to this market.

The merging companies have tried to buttress their case that imports will be sufficient to protect levels of competition by offering to divest, through a demerger, the Smorgon Steel distribution business and agreeing to an independent assessment of any steel anti-dumping application they might plan to make.

6 The test is whether it is likely to lead to a substantial lessening of competition. 7

The commission appears concerned that the demerger of one of the distribution businesses might not result in it sourcing more of its products from imports. It says there are concerns that the demerged business would have strong incentives not to compete for customers with OneSteel and/or to act in tandem with it in terms of product range, services, pricing and terms and conditions of supply.

On "tactical" anti-dumping actions, the commission has invited comment on whether instead of the independent assessment proposed by the companies there should be either a moratorium on antidumping actions or that One-Steel should give an indemnity for losses and damages where

an action is unsuccessful. It isn't satisfied the indepen dent assessments proffered by the companies are sufficient to alleviate concerns about their ability to use anti-dumping procedures to deter imports.

To the extent that the demerged distribution business doesn't compete as aggressively as it might with OneSteel, or indeed if the vertically integrated nature of the merged

entity gives it an advantage over imports, one could argue that some of the same incentives that would apply to the merged company apply to the separate

entities, relative to imports. The test in competition policy is not whether a transaction would entrench a level of competitive intensity but whether it is likely to lead to a substantial lessening of competition.

Given the rapid increase in steel imports, which have more than doubled in the past five years, the sheer scale of many of the regional steel makers and the reality that there is global consolidation of the sector occurring, it is difficult to deny that there is some meaningful competition and at least the prospect of increased import competition to discipline the

behaviour of the merged group.

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Oil price spike to end, you can bet on it

Recent history shows that the laws of supply and demand will eventually bring rising petrol prices back to earth, writes Paul Higgins.

AT RECENT conferences on the future of biofuels, I have offered a \$10 bet to anyone in the room that the West Texas intermediate oil price will be less than US\$40 a barrel within three years. So far only three people have taken up the bet.

My view that the oil price will fall to this level by 2009 may seem ridiculous given the hysteria in the media on rising oil and petrol prices. Some commentators regard ongoing rises in oil prices as a fait accompli. However, a logical analysis of the forces driving oil prices creates an extremely plausible scenario in which oil prices will fall significantly.

The oil price is a relationship of supply and demand. But overlying this relationship is the market's view about what will happen to the oil price. Lord Browne, announcing BP's recent quarterly profit, expressed the view that the market is creating the high oil prices rather than physical supply and demand

relationships. The International Energy Agency's oil statistics show that demand and supply of oil are very close. This explains why the market has been so volatile over the past couple of years. In a situation where demand and supply are so close, any minor variation in supply, or forecasts on demand, will cause great price volatility. The reverse is true if supplies rise and demand falls, with the risk premium that is built into the oil price rapidly disappearing.

On the supply side of the equation, the Department of Energy in the US reports that there has been an increase of

global exploration and rotary oil rigs of about 15 per cent over the past 12 months. If there is oil out there to be found, then

increased drilling will find it. Development of any finds will take time, but if the market believes there are more supplies coming on line, then the risk premium that is built into oil prices will be reduced.

On top of conventional oil sources, there are other resources such as tar sands in Canada and Venezuela.

Operating costs have been reduced in recent years and, with high oil prices in the market, development is occurring in tar sand extraction in particular. The Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers predicts that 1 million barrels of oil a day will be produced from the Athabasca tar sand deposit

What is more interesting is what might happen with demand. Following sharp price rises for oil in the 1970s, world oil consumption reversed itself. In the book *Winning the Oil Endgame*, the authors describe how oil consumption in the US fell 17 per cent from 1977 to 1985, while GDP grew 27 per cent. That reduction was primarily driven by the improved efficiency of motor vehicles in response to high prices.

There is no reason to believe that the oil consumption reduction the world achieved in the late 1970s and early 1980s cannot be repeated. In fact, there is every reason to believe that the reduction in oil consumption can be much better for two reasons. First, we have access to better motor vehicle



Motorists can expect prices such as these if futurist Paul Higgins is on the money

technologies, such as the Saab BioPower that runs on up to 85 per cent ethanol.

Second, we have significant development of biofuels occurring to replace fossil fuels. The high-volume alternative fuel in the world is ethanol. The two biggest suppliers of ethanol in the world are Brazil and the US. which produced about 32 billion litres between them last year.

The US makes ethanol from corn, while Brazil produces ethanol from sugar, and both have capacity to increase production. The US corn-based

ethanol industry is building 7.7 billion litres of extra ethanol capacity to replace 1.2 per cent of transport fuel used in the US.

While 1.2 per cent does not seem like much, coupled with efficiency improvements in response to high fuel prices, it is fairly likely that we will see a reduction in oil consumption in the US over the next three years rather than a rise. This is vital because, despite the growth of China, North America is the biggest demand player in the world oil industry. North America used 25,45 million bar-

rels a day last year, compared with China's 6.6 million barrels a day. If the US moves to reduce its oil consumption it will have a significant effect on

world demand. This creates a scenario where oil production increases while consumption slows its rate of growth. If this occurs, then the oil price will fall rapidly as the supply demand tightness eases and people become far less worried about possible interruptions to supply, taking

out the risk premium. The only caveat to my

scenario is if we have reached peak oil production — the point where we can no longer increase the amount of oil that is produced annually.

A range of views place peak oil production somewhere between 2005-2036. Once we reach peak oil, then there will be a crunch in oil supply and price that makes current pricing look like a picnic, and my money is already on the table

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LETTERS

Single-desk supporter should reveal allegiance

I AM dismayed by Russell McKenzie's letter ("Why AWB single desk works best for growers", Business, 14/8), written in response to The Age's report on a speech of mine ("Close single desk for good, says economist", Business, 31/7). McKenzie's letter displayed in spades the tactics that vested interests engage in to protect their privileged positions.

First tactic: personally insult any individual brave enough to oppose your view. McKenzie claimed my understanding of the industry was "superficial, at best". But in attempting to demonstrate my superficiality, he backfired badly.

This brings me to the second tactic: misrepresent what your opponent says. McKenzie claimed I made the assertion "that growers would have more and better options for payment is untrue".

I never made that assertion — although I happen to agree with it. What I did say was that "a free market would offer more variety and choice of contracts, products and services (and) if the reputation of one exporter suffers, growers have the choice to move to another exporter".

McKenzie cited AWB's Golden Rewards scheme as proof that I was wrong. This is mind-boggling logic. The fact that a monopolist offers one or more schemes apparently proves that a free market would not offer more choices!

At a minimum, growers would be able to choose who to sell their wheat to, rather than be forced by their government to deal with an organisation that has already inflicted untold damage on growers.

McKenzie claimed that AWB could sell at high prices (despite its small share of a highly competitive world market)

because — wait for it — "grain can be stored" and "volume does not matter". Who did he say was superficial?

But the third favourite tactic of vested interests is what really gets on my goat: don't disclose your affiliations. McKenzie is a serial letter writer, always defending AWB and claiming that denial of growers' choice is somehow good — all the while signing himself simply as "Russell McKenzie, Yaapeet"

He did this all the time he was a senior office-holder of the Victorian Farmers Federation, which has a policy of rabidly supporting the single desk. Such an appalling failure to disclose past or present affiliations is widespread in the grain industry. The worst examples of all are the organised campaigns by members of the AWB Managing Directors Roundtable who have spread a clear party line in letters and speeches without disclosing their membership.

Over the years, McKenzie has made multiple claims that the sky will fall unless extreme agrarian socialism is maintained. For example, in a letter to the Victorian premier in 2001, he warned that disaster would follow the dismantling of the Victorian single desk for barley. The outstanding subsequent success of Victoria's move towards a free barley

market totally destroyed McKenzie's credibility. Yet he continues to recycle the same old arguments and had the gall to conclude his letter with "if financial experts want to comment on the single desk system, can they do their homework first, please?" I've done my homework. Mr McKenzie, you clearly haven't and your behaviour warrants

expulsion from school.

Professor Paul Kerin, **Melbourne Business School**

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Nguyen, Hong; Botan, Mohammed; Jozic, Kristijan; Komak, Muhammad; Skopalj, Ivan; Gradman, Kalman Previsic, Valentine 11:00: Moore Riggs. Court 3-1 Judge Cohen: 10:30: Conyers, Gary. Court 3-2 Judge Shelton: 9:00: Kapuranis, Katrina 10:00: Nguyen, Den; Kelly, Robert; Wende, Werner. Court 3-5 Judge Sexton: 10:30: Demiri, Sermet, Court 4-1 Judge Hicks: 10:30: Nguyen, Vinh; Lemon, Ian; Giannone, Paul; Thomas, Jason; Falcone, Paul; Kogelman, Jason. Court 4-2 Judge Higgins: 10:30: Miller, Paul. Court 4-4 Judge Robertson: 10:30: Warner, Brian 11:30: Berry, Michael. Court 5-1 Judge Gullaci: 10:30: Hatzipanagiotis, James. Court 5-2 Judge Punshon: 10:15: Hughes, Barry 10:30: Cao, Ha; Trinh, Hien, Court 5-3 Judge Gavnor 10:30: Shekel, Leonora: Kuka, Licha Roe, Jason. Court 6-1 Judge Jenkins: 10:30: Vella, Rodney. Court 6-2 Judge Nixon: 10:00: Elwood, Phillip. Court 6-3 Judge Williams R.g: 10:00: Schweizer, Paul. Court 6-4 Judge Douglas: 10:30: Davies, Christopher. Court 7-1 Judge Rizkalla: 10:30: Kis, Joseph. Court 7-2 Judge Hogan: 10:30: Merrigan, Matthew; Greene Jeffrey; Merrigan, Matthew. Court 7-3 Judge Hampel: 10:30: Meyer, David. Court 7-4 Judge Wilmoth: 10:30:

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Judge Anderson: 10:00: Forrest &
Anor v Fraser & Anor. Court 13, Judge
Duckett: 10:30: France v Tac. Court 1 **5, Judge Harbison:** Glanvill v Everich Pty.ltd. **Court 1 6, Judge Strong:** 10:00: Edwards v Adecco Australia P/L & Anor. Court 1 6, Workcover Reserves Judge: 10:30: Giftakis v Reserves Judge: 10:30: Girtakis v Rowdy Holdings P/L. Court 1 7, Judge Holt: 10:30: Jessiman v Michael Bogicevic & Ors. Court 1 8, Judge Duggan: 10:30: Durkin v Mornington Racing Club; twa v Mornington Racing Club Inc. Court 1 8, Reserves Judge: 10:30: Papagana Lane P/L v Tr Draffind 10:30: Panama Lane P/L v Tt Drafting P/L; Necoska v Dokur. Court 2 5, Judge Coish: 10:00: Parrish v Cgu Workers Compensation Ltd; Harvey v Vwa & Ors; Murphy v Mcphee Transport P/L & Anor; Purnell v Weathermaster P/L & Anor; Bree Marshall v Qantas Airways Ltd & Anor; Marshall v Qantas Airways Ltd & Anor; Jakupi v 006 407 567 Operations & Anor; Harvey v Plantation Hardwood Sawmills 7 Cambridg; Sevenich v War; Martino v Remi Mechanical Plant Installatin & A; Mickoski v Export Meat & Anor; Wendy Joy Leerson v Goodman Products P/L & Anor: Selleck v Bristile Limited; Vidic v Catalyst Recruitment Centre & Anor; Kostadinova v Royal Centre & Anor; Nostadinova v Royal Women's Hospital; Obradovic v Vwa; Isac v Betta Foods & Anor; Bjelja v Spc Ardmona Operations Limited; Clarke v Fanman(echuca)P/L; Bahonko v Moorfields Community & Ors 10:30: Bloch v Tatefield Pty.ltd. Court 2 5, Workcover Reserves Judge: 10:30: Workcover Reserves Judge: 10:30: Trajkov v Sita Bus Lines P/L. Court 2 6, Judge Pannam: 10:30: Jones v Platinum Health & Anor. Court 3 2, Judge Shelton: Sarkovski v Vwa & Anor. Court 5 4, Judge Howie: 10:30: Victoria P/L (t/as Yarra Trams Hussei v Bayside City Council & Ors Zenelovski v A & F Lamattina & Sons ance & Anor. 10:30: Kindred v 5, Judge Coish: 10:00: Dempster
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Emolium Services P/L: Burt
Palmtrans P/L & Ors: Lambert

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10:30: Lindsey v Philip Morris Limited Registrar Hearing: Court Registry, STATE CORONER'S OFFICE Court 2: 9.30: Iaria, R 10.00: Faulkner L, Faulkner, ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA 40 City Road Southbank Internet Address: http://www.aat.gov.au
Deputy President Forgie: Telephone
Directions Hearing: 9:30: Roper v
Repatriation Commission 10:00: Gibson v Repatriation Con 10:45: Rose v Comcare. Ms RI Perton, Member Registry 16th Floor: Room 1, Level 14, Southgate Hwt Tower: 10:00: Kamil v Sec Dept Of Tower: 10:00: Kamil v Sec Dept Of Family & Community Ser & Anor. Mr E Fice, Member: Hearing Room 2, Level 14, Southgate Hwt Tower: 10:00: Millankos v Comcare. Dr Hughes, Member: Hearing Room 5, Level 14, Southgate Hwt Tower: 10:00: Secretary, Dept Of Families, Community v Luke Conference Registrar Exner: 9:30: Floyd v Military Registral zAmer 3-30: noty v Milliarly Rehab & Compensation Commission 10:00: Ghiberto v Aust Postal Corporation 10:30: Smith v Maersk Supply Services P/L 2:00: Elsegood v Aust Postal Corporation 2:30: Tasneem v Csl Limited. Conference Tasneem v Csl Limited. Conference Registrar Carins: 10:00: You v Repatriation Commission 12:00: Stanbury v Repatriation Commission 12:30: Byrne v Repatriation Commission 2:00: Venables v Repatriation Commission; Mediation Room 2, Level 16, Southgate Hwt VICTORIAN CIVIL AND 5th Floor, 55 King St, Me Landfill Reductions P/L: Dayakli v Strathfield Group Limited: Wachter v

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Iris Vogele V Supreme Caravans P/I;

Hearings: Senior Member A. Vassie:
9:45: Dhilharan Sivaratnam, Gerald &
Howard Junkeer V Bunnings Group Ltd,
Sotico P/I, Wesfarmers Bunnings Ltd;
Senior Member A. Vassie, Member P.
Coldbeck, J. Grainger: Janice Le
Feuvre V Ben De Bono Plumbing &
Gasfitting; Terry Walton V Eagle Auto F.b.lewis: 10:30: Cor F.b.lewis: 10:30: Commonwealth Bank Of Australia v Mclaughlin: British American v Xu & Ors; Loukissas v Precision Panel P/L & Ors; Memmolo v Cabato; Richards v Tac; Roman Catholic Trusts Corp v Sharp & Pendrey P/L. Court 1 8, Reserves Judge: Gasfitting; Terry Walton V Eagle Auto Parts P/I, East Zone Motors; Gelcom

Qantas Airways Limited: Collins v

Robert Bosch (australia) P/L: **Practice**

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Court - Member B. Lightfoot: 3:15:
Terence & Joy East V Craig Jordan;
Colac Magistrates' Court - Member
H. Lambrick: 11:30: Westvic Kitchens
V Mavon Lennie & Stacey Thomas
Builders & Designers; Swan Hill
Magistrates' Court - Member R.
Phillins: 1:30: Douglas Bushby V Phillips: 1:30: Douglas Bushby V Vernon Steel Yards P/I; Wangaratta Magistrates' Court - Member A. Tilley: 2:00: Amanda Coulson V G&j Trees Service P/I 2:30: R & J DOMESTIC BUILDING LIST

Christina Gleeson V Geoffrey Harrison; Compulsory Conference: Room G.3 -Senior Member M. Lothian: 10:00: Modular Design & Construction P/I V Ilona Prohaska; Directions Hearings: Room 6.3 - Deputy President C. Aird: 9:30: Bogdan Konko V Phillip Kamay, Julia Kamay 10:00: Body Corporate Plan No. 416326 V Vero Insurance Ltd, Garfield Nominees P/I 10:30: Gregory & Deborah Sanderson V Lifestyle Pools & Spas, Neville Imlach

Australian International Insurance Ltd, World Grain Inspection Services P/I 11:30: Conway Landscaping And Mediation: 10:00: Roma Taylor V S.o.v - Department Of Education And Training, Hilma Batza; CIVIL CLAIMS LIST Design V Krystine Van Zeggeren 12:00: Hgfl V Phillip Watts, City Of 12:00: Hgfl V Phillip Watts, City Of Hume 2:15: Sc Land Richmond P/I V Dura Constructions P/I; Room G.3 - Senior Member M. Lothian: 9:30: Body Corporate No Ps430656w V Allianz Australia Insurance Ltd; Room G.4 - Senior Member R. Young: Dr. Lange Ricay V Stene Possites, Wide Plex Developments P/I: Room 1.8 Plex Developments P/I; Room 1.8 - Senior Member R. Walker: 2:15: Searle Bros Building Contractors V Phillip & Janice Barnes; Small Claim Hearing: Room 1.8 - Senior Member R. Walker: 10:00: Jason Reason V Qmarketing; Mediations: Room 1.5 - Mediator I. Delacy: Patricia & Adrian Maywell V Timplese Swimming Prols & P/I V Econo Truck Sales; Davis Lawvers V National Telecoms Group

11:00: Paul Seraindis V Ron Lacey;
Installex Victoria P/I V Shane Gillies;
Claire & Don Ashton V Wall-t-wall Floor
Covering Nominees P/I 12:00: Tip Top
Roofing P/I V Specialised
Constructions P/I (directions Hearing);
Tudor Carpets P/I V Gabrilla Cascini;
Wattoropities Carret Court Maxwell V Timeless Swimming Pools & Tennis Courts P/I, Supreme Solar P/I Room 1.6 - Mediator R. Lawren Compulsory Conferences: Room 1.2 - Deputy President A. Coghlan: 9:30: Michael Patterson V Tac: Tracy Moody V lac; Decision: Room G.1 - Vice President Judge J. Bowman: 10:00: Kim Wells V Vic. Police; Directions Hearing: Room 1.3 - Deputy President M. Macnamara: 9:30: William Rounds V Rhonda Peters; Hearings: Room 1.2 - Deputy President A. Cognian: 10:00: John Royce V Department Of Justice; Room 1.4 - Senior Member R. Davis: 10:30: Striling Horne V Rose Tront; PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT LIST . Marsden And Member G. Chase Rowcliffe P/I V Stonnington Cc: Roor 5.1 - Senior Member R. Horsfall And Member S. Mainwaring: Skye Environmental Services P/I V Frankston Cc; Room 5.13 - Senior Member G. Sharkey: Harmonius Blend Building Corp P/I V Yarra Ranges Sc 2:15: John Dikranis- Catt Architects V Bayside Cc; Room 5.2 - Senior Member M. Baird: 10:00: Spiritor Holdings P/I V Mitchell Sc; Room 5.2 - Senior Member R. Byard: 2:15: Moreland Cc V Carmel, Gaetano And Andrew Barbone; Room 5.5 - Member

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